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MEC YAWA WELCOMES SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL JUDGEMENT

North West Public Works MEC, Mr. Howard Yawa, MPL has welcomed the judgement delivered against Tswaing Consulting CC by the Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) in Bloemfontein on Tuesday. The court upheld the claim of the North West Provincial Government and ordered Tswaing Consulting CC to repay the province R4 319 378.50 plus interest.

The SCA reversed an earlier dismissal of the application by the province and its tender board to set aside a tender award, service contract and arbitration agreement with Tswaing by the Mmabatho High Court.

The case arose from a fraud that had its origin in an ambitious programme the former Department of Roads and Public Works embarked on in 2000 to upgrade, rehabilitate and repair roads on a budget of over R156 million. The fraud perpetrated against the province by Tswaing Consulting CC and its principal member, Mr. Shwai Nathaniel Mangope with the help of accomplices in the provincial bureaucracy was uncovered after a forensic investigation by an independent major firm of auditors, i.e. Price Waterhouse Coopers.

“The Judgement vindicates the Department’s assertion that allegations made last year September by the Provincial leader of the Democratic Alliance, Mr. Chris Hattingh to the effect that the provincial government had lost the case in the Supreme Court of Appeal and was considering a R15million settlement in the matter were misleading, typical DA sensationalism, cheap politicking and a total disregard of the due process of the law.” says MEC Yawa.

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