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MEC GAOAGE MOLAPISI WELCOMES THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNIT'S INVESTIGATION- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ROADS (NW)

Mahikeng- This serves to confirm that MEC Molapisi has noted the Presidential Proclamation regarding the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) in accordance with the signed Proclamation 21 of 2021 and the Special Tribunal ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 74 OF 1996), President Ramaphosa authorising the SIU to investigate certain allegations of malfeasance as they pertain to the Department of Public Works and Roads in the North West province and to furthermore recover losses suffered by the State.

MEC Molapisi wishes to welcome the investigation and its scope, commencing as it were, from 1 January 2016 to 12 March 2021. It is the MEC's view that such an investigation by the SIU will provide a full picture of the governance state of the department, and hopefully assist with the recommendation towards corrective steps necessary to ensure that such occurrences never recur.

"It is our wish that such an investigation assist in substantiating and/or refuting other findings already in our possession, such as the Preliminary Investigation Report by the National Treasury, said MEC Molapisi"

Accordingly, MEC Molapisi commits to offer whatever support the Investigators require to fulfil the directive of the President of the Republic. All employees of the Department of Public Works and Roads are also directed to subject themselves to interviews and avail whatever information that will be needed by the SIU.

The Executive Leadership of the Province has committed to prioritise the investigating of historical unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure and to combat any form of corruption and MEC Molapisi reiterates this position.

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