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NW PUBLIC WORKS GETS 2ND RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE

After an extensive countrywide assessment of hospital maintenance, the Board of the Council for Health Service Accreditation of Southern Africa (COHSASA) has awarded full accreditation to the North West Department of Public Works for the excellent maintenance service run by the Department at the Klerksdorp/Tshepong Hospital Complex for the period 2005-2008.

Maintenance service entails the management and maintenance of hospital plant, machinery, buildings, and non-medical equipment. It includes the maintenance of utility systems (electrical, water, oxygen and ventilation) to minimize the risks of operating failures.

The award for excellent continuous quality improvement programme is the second as the maintenance team of the North West Department of Public Works at the two hospitals was accredited for the period 1998 to 2000. For the current survey, the two hospitals were surveyed as a complex with two teams from COHSASA conducting an intensive survey over a two-week period. The survey involved a study of documented systems and extensive interviews with Key staff and ordinary staff members at the two hospitals.

In congratulating the maintenance teams in the Southern Region for the Awards, MEC Yawa said, "We are excited at the recognition of the role of the Department of Public Works in sustaining excellence in the maintenance of public facilities. That we met high level of compliance



with the accreditation standards encourage us further to entrench a culture of quality service to our clients and the general public.”

The Klerksdorp/Tshepong Hospital Complex provides a comprehensive health service to the Klerksdorp and Potchefstroom districts, secondary health care to certain areas in the North West Province, and certain tertiary care services to the whole of the North West Province.

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