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**SPEAKING NOTES DELIEVERD BY MEC GAOAGE OAGENG MOLAPISI
DURING THE SOD TURNING CEREMONY FOR R10AD- REHABILITATION
OF ROAD PWR104/17 - P31/1 FROM GAUTENG
BORDER TO P123/1, APPROXIMATELY 22 KM AS
WELL AS APPURTENANT WORKS (INCLUDING BRIDGE
CONSTRUCTION AND BRIDGE REPAIRS) (MADIBENG), 03 FEBRUARY
2023**

Mayor of Madibeng Local Municipality, Cllr Douglas Maimane

MMC responsible for Infrastructure,

All Councillors and ward committee members present,

HOD, Mr Ikgopoleng Kgantsi, and Senior Managers

All Staff from the Department,

dB&A Consulting Engineers,

Pelindaba JV M Civils and Eigenbau & Wenhaus Contractors,

Our community members

Good day,



We meet at the beginning of the second month of the new year, 2023, which to us marks the end of the fourth quarter of the 2022/23 financial year. It is also a year before we officially complete our 5 year planning cycle. It therefore becomes a very critical year, with respect to the commitments we have made to the people of our Province. We had met with the communities that are direct beneficiaries of Road P123/1 about 2 years ago, and committed the Department that once all internal processes are completed to get proper designs, a competent contractor then we will come back and implement the necessary rehabilitation to this road. We are solely here today, to deliver on this commitment through this milestone of sod turning ceremony.

Critical to us being here is to take all stakeholders on board about works that will be implemented, business and work opportunities that will be created, training and skills transfer opportunities as well as partnering with you as our most important stakeholder, to ensure the successful implementation of this project for the coming months.

We have adopted this strategy since 2019 during the October Transport Month. In that once the contractor is appointed, we take the communities on board by introducing the contractor, and detailing benefits which will be derived. We follow up on this process by performing monitoring on an ongoing basis during the implementation phase. This we accomplish through our internal quality assurers who monitors the project in the absence of the EA. The EA also performs oversight on ongoing projects to monitor progress from time to time, and as and when required. Once the project reaches completion, we come back to officially hand it over to the community.



I should hasten to indicate that this approach works, in that we managed to curb and limit misunderstandings that often engulf projects of this nature. Once all stakeholders are informed of the project we are guaranteed less interruptions. It goes to show how critical constant communication and feedback is, to all stakeholders. All become aware of roles they each have to play in order to reach a common objective of infrastructure delivery.

Yesterday, we were in Ottosdal for the road passing through Ottosdal to Hartbeespoort, introducing an appointed contractor to the community and stakeholders of Tswaing Local Municipality. We intend to continue with sod turning ceremonies for all outstanding projects of this financial year as we move around the length and breadth of our Province.

What will be included on the implementation of this project, is the rehabilitation of road P31/1 from Gauteng border to P123/1, approximately 22 km which is divided into 3 sections as follows:

Section 1:

- It starts at kilometre 19.75 (start of project from Gauteng border) to km 26.42 – translating to a total of 6,67km

Section 2:

- It starts at kilometre 26.42 to km 35.92 translating to a total of 9,5km

Section 3:

- It starts at kilometre 35.92 to km 41.72 translating to a total of 5,8km – marking the End of project”)



The project also comprises of the improvement of the following major existing drainage structures / bridges:

- Major Culvert at km 21,815,
- Crocodile River Bridge 2950 at km 25,906,
- Leeuwen River Bridge at km 31,016, and
- Major Culvert at km 38,962.

All these major works equals to a total investment in terms of project value of R630 000 000. The project will be carried out over a period of 45 months. We expect that only this duration should be applicable to this project, unless there are compelling circumstances, that are unavoidable, unnatural, and totally beyond our human control. Projects that go beyond the projected duration, are costly, and the Department might never be able to recover the financial loss, due to unreasonable circumstances that often cause delays to projects of this nature. We expect your cooperation, and partnership in ensuring a successful completion within the specified time frame, and budget.

At least 477 work opportunities, contracted on an annual basis will be created. An estimated amount of R128 million will be ploughed back to the local economy through subcontracting opportunities. Those SMMEs that are local, and eligible will be awarded business opportunities. This will in turn improve lives and livelihoods of our communities. We are determined to resuscitate the economy, through infrastructure delivery as we place the interests of our people first. Training opportunities and skills transfer will also be realised.

I have indicated the benefits that will be derived from this project, and as soon as your PSC is established, those that are responsible will define the benefits in detail.



Now that we are aware of the benefits, we will take this opportunity to also share details about those that will be responsible for the implementation of this project.

The consulting engineer company appointed for this project are **dB&A Engineers**. These are the engineers who will ensure that the appointed contractor delivers this road accordance to the specification. They will also ensure quality assurance, and that there is value for money, working with the Departmental Project Manager.

We want to believe that you want to see us back here again in the future when we finally hand over the completed project. When the road infrastructure could have been improved, and trafficable, as you also continue to derive the social and economic benefits.

We firmly believe all that which is entailed in the scope of works, that it is only through your cooperation that it will be realised. We have to reiterate this fact as our appeal, solely because that this development belongs to you. Let us guard it jealously. We cannot afford unnecessary delays. We only have limited financial resources.

In conclusion, let me take this opportunity before we proceed for the sod turning activity, to introduce the appointed contractor, **Pelindaba JV M Civils and Eigenbau & Wenhaus Contractors**. We believe you will render the best service and strive to deliver as per project scope, within budget, and on time. Let us move in one accord, as we build better communities, and improving lives and livelihoods. At the apex of our plans, is to, deliver quality services as we place the interests of our people first.

I thank you.



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