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### **EPWP EXIT STRATEGY PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER EMPOWERMENT**

The expansion of the R25 million Integrated Modimola Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Project has afforded opportunities for development and further empowerment for emerging contractors.

Five of the sixteen graduate learner contractors are currently engaged in the construction of a 5 kilometres new gravel road between Modimola village and Masuthe One village using Labour intensive methods.

The R4, 1 million Project includes the installation of road signs, construction of drainage structures, construction of minor culverts and stormwater drainage works. It would benefit public transport such as taxis, busses and provide access to services as it links the villages to Masuthe Clinic and Masuthe Primary School.

Six other learner contractors are involved in the first phase of the R4 million Lotlamoreng Dam Development Initiative and construction of additional farm infrastructure for the Modimola Farming Enterprise while five are engaged in the Road Construction Project in Modimong and the Construction of Community Halls in Modimong and Cokonyane Villages in Taung.

Speaking on behalf of the emerging contractors, Alfred Ramotsongwa said, " We are excited to be part of the Public Private Partnership that improves the lives of our communities."

Meanwhile, the Modimola EPWP Project, which scooped the Best Managed Project in the 2005 North West Premier's Public Sector Excellence Awards, is nominated for the Public Works Minister's EPWP Recognition Awards and Impumelelo



Innovation Awards to be held on Thursday 15 February 2007 in Johannesburg and Saturday 17 February 2007 in Cape Town respectively.

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