

**SPEECH BY MEC FOR PUBLIC WORKS, MR. HOWARD YAWA ON  
THE OCCASION OF THE HANDOVER OF NEWLY BUILT A.B.  
KOLWANE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KAGUNG VILLAGE, FRIDAY 13  
MAY 2005**

His Worship the Mayor of Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality  
Honourable Councillor O.E.Kgopodithate

My Colleague-MEC for Education Reverend O.J.Tselapedi

Her Worship the Kgalagadi District Municipality-Honourable  
Councillor Mme O.C. Mogodi

Motlotlegi Kgosi K.E.Jantjie of the Manyeding Traditional  
Authority

Batlotlegi Balekgotla ba segosi

The Chief Director for Regional Operations in the Department of  
Public Works -Mme Ntshabele Head of Department

The Regional Executive Manager for the Department of  
Education-Mme M. C. Motlhabane

Government Officials

Consultants and Contractors

Representatives of NAFCOC, Business and Community Based  
Organisations

Councillors and Ward Committee Members

Members of School Governing Bodies

Representatives of teacher formations, SADTU & ITUSA

Distinguished Guests

Programme Director, President Thabo Mbeki at his inauguration  
of second term in office and the celebration of South Africa's 10<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of freedom said “None of great social problems we have to solve is capable of resolution outside the context of the creation of jobs and the alleviation and eradication of poverty. This relates to everything, from the improvement of the health of our people, to reducing the levels of crime, raising the levels of literacy and numeracy, and opening the doors of learning and culture to all.”

Today represents another step towards the realisation of the vision of the Freedom Charter and a celebration of a partnership for the Department of Public Works, the Department of Education and the community of Kagung village.

The completion of the facility we are handing over to our client department, the department of education by a Joint Venture of Women Contractors is an achievement for women in construction.

When the North West Tender Board awarded the R 4,7 million contract for the construction of 10 classrooms, a library, a storeroom, 18 VIP type toilets, we had confidence in the emerging Joint Venture partners to deliver on the mandate of our client department.

We wish to congratulate the Professional team of consultants and the Contractors, Mme Maggie Moiloa and Mme Abegaile Hlatswayo for delivering on behalf of my department and the department of

education a facility that should serve as a beacon of hope for generations come.

The determination of Women in Supply Construction and Mom Building Construction should serve as a motivation to other women to succeed in previously male dominated sectors such as the construction sector.

We wish to congratulate the people of Kagung for this facility and for their patience and for believing in their government to address inherited infrastructure backlog in their community.

We also wish to congratulate the community of Kagung for honouring the memory of a selfless, dedicated community worker and servant, Councillor A.B.Kolwane.

In his memory we should strengthen partnerships with traditional leaders, business, local government, community based organisations and local government for the creation of a South Africa that truly belongs to all. A South Africa that affords all of our people opportunities to acquire skills and to participate in the economy.

Ladies and gentlemen, in conclusion, allow me to remind all of us that we have the collective responsibility to ensure that as we entrench democracy and Freedom, our communities become beacons of hope. Our communities will become beacons of hope

when we protect and take care of our infrastructure and facilities.

It is my honour to hand over keys for the facility to my colleague, the Honourable MEC for Education, Reverend O.J.Tselapedi.

Ke a leboga.