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PREMIER MOLEWA AND MEC YAWA LAUNCH R93, 6 MILLION EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME PROJECT IN MODIMONG

Modimong village near Taung came to life on Friday 17 February 2006 when North West Premier, Honourable Mme Edna Molewa and the MEC Howard Yawa of the Department of Public Works launched a R93, 6 million Expanded Public Works Programme Project.

Jubilation and dancing by the estimated eight thousand crowd greeted the launch of the Province's massive infrastructure investment that is part of the Taung Development Programme. The Programme is part of the Provinces's Five Special High Impact Programmes that are to contribute towards Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative for South Africa (ASGISA).

The various infrastructure projects that are to benefit the Modimong and Cokonyane villages include:

- 6,8 kilometers Road upgrading and surfacing Project of the road between Taung and Modimong
- Rehabilitation of 30 kilometers of village roads in Modimong and Cokonyane by means of labour intensive methods in EPWP Mode



- Food security scheme to benefit 200 households in Modimong and Cokonyane Village
- Land care project
- Brick making, stone crushing and sand digging Projects that are to be linked to Projects to the construct community halls in Modimong and Cokonyane villages

Premier Molewa called on the people in the area to be involved in the initiative and also announced that the Provincial government in partnership with the Greater Taung Local Municipality and the Bophirima District Municipality, is also investigating the following as future possible projects:

- A gaming farming and tourism initiative
- A community livestock farming initiative
- An olive production initiative
- People's housing programme, which is also linked to the brick making, sand and stone production Projects.

Premier Molewa said that in three years time, people would not be able to recognise Modimong and Cokonyane from how they look today.

"In the implementing the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy, we are determined to follow our people wherever they are", concluded Premier Molewa.

In his speech, MEC Yawa said that since the Project is a replica of the Integrated Modimola EPWP in the Central Region, the lessons and experiences that are

gathered in that project will help the Integrated Modimong Project move at an accelerated pace.

He further said that the Project adds to the 207 EPWP Projects that have created thus far 13 578-job opportunities throughout the Province in the current financial year alone. In the Bophirima Region, 2788 job opportunities were created through 48 EPWP Projects.

MEC Yawa called for involvement of disabled persons in the Project. The Integrated Modimong EPWP Project is expected to create over six hundred job and training opportunities for the people of Modimong and neighbouring villages.

MEC Mayisela, the Executive Mayor of the Bophirima District Council, the Mayor of the Greater Taung Municipality, Dikgosi and Members of the Baphuduhucwana, Ba Ga-Maidi, Ba Ga-Motlhabane Traditional Councils, Councillors and Officials of the Greater Taung Local Municipality and the Bophirima District Council graced the colourful occasion. Solly Moholo had the dignitaries and his rural fans on their toes and screaming for more until the late afternoon.

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