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ACCESS ROAD PROJECT
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I greet you all.

Today we are all in high spirits as we mark yet another milestone by the ANC-led government.

It is occasions of this nature, which give individuals like us who are political leaders in government confidence to stand in front the people we serve without any qualm or fear because we do not make far-fetched promises that we cannot keep.

Delivery of services is at the core of our existence as a government and is a matter that is closest to our hearts.

The key message from the ANC's accumulated experience is that of working together with our people for more and faster change. Hence, we say: "Working together we can do more."

The ANC election manifesto for 2009 was carefully considered to ensure that it does not raise hopes and expectations with hollow or empty promises.

Its undertakings are underpinned by realistic and genuine goals that are achievable within the next five years.

Programme Director, that is why this ANC led by President Jacob Zuma was overwhelmingly voted into power.

Our people have matured politically. They are not gullible and can discern cheap political ploys that are presented under the guise of emotional rhetoric.

Ours is a manifesto that identified five priority areas, amongst which was rural development, which target places like Ntwane whose people are still trapped in the morass of poverty and underdevelopment.

President Jacob Zuma's government considers rural development as a catalyst in our struggle against unemployment, poverty and inequality.

Part of the ANC government's measures to support rural development include infrastructure development to create a conducive environment to produce thriving rural economies and ensure sustainable development.

The expansion of basic infrastructure, which includes roads, electricity, water connections and public toilet systems in rural areas, therefore becomes priority for the government.

At this juncture, let me enunciate that the ANC government is doing all that it is doing cognisant of the fact that we are still faced with a mammoth task of achieving our Millennium Goals for service delivery, which are:

- Access to basic water for all by 2008
- Access to basic Sanitation at RDP level by 2010
- All schools and clinics have access to basic water and sanitation by 2007
- Eradication of the bucket toilet system by 2006
- Electricity provision to all households by 2010
- Cutting of unemployment into half by 2014

- Access to education and Health Care by all

Programme Director,

What we are doing here in Ntwane – launching the **Mohlamme Access Road Project** is part of the broader vision that I have just alluded to.

This project has a total budget of **R10.2-million**, and we are pleased because we have managed to create **24 job opportunities**. Projections are that more and more jobs are still going to be created as progress is being made in the construction phases.

Come March next year, we will be talking a different story that this road is fully complete and has to be handed over to the community so that they can go about pursuing their socio-economic and political aspirations with ease.

Programme Director,

Let me say that in the next two or three years, government is going to spend more than **R99-million** on road projects in the whole Moutse area.

I cannot name all these projects during this gathering right now. Nonetheless, I will flag only a few of them:

- We have the **Tambo Internal Streets Project**, on which construction work is on-going to upgrade gravel to surfaced road and installation of drainage system e.g. storm water channels and underground storm water pipes.

This project is expected to be completed in October this year at a total cost of **R9, 2-million**. A total of 95 people have been employed.

- The **Elandsdoorn Internal Streets Project** is expected to be completed in November 2009. We have allocated

R5, 6-million to this project and as it stands now, we have gone 55% toward completing it.

Thirteen (**13**) people were employed, and more people are set to be employed when the storm water system and kerbs are installed.

- Lastly, the **Ngolovane Internal Streets Project** is 65 % into completion. It is worth **R3, 9-million** and **54** people are working there for their families. The number of employment opportunities will go up when the time for laying kerbs and paving blocks arrives.

Programme Director,

We came here being very well aware that road infrastructure is not the only service that is urgently needed here.

The three spheres of government are juggling a number of projects for the Moutse area. Some have been implemented and some are being planned or designed.

We are aware that the most pressing service delivery issue in Moutse and in the whole Sekhukhune District is lack of water.

It is worth repeating that our District finds itself in this predicament because it is naturally dry and therefore lacks water – be it underground or rain.

However, let me announce to you that the Department Water Affairs has finally granted the District a licence to abstract water from Loskop Dam.

The District will draw this water for the sole purpose of serving the residents of Moutse.

Reticulation networks and construction of a regional purification plant are being designed so that the people of

Moutse can have sustainable household water supply in the future.

While concentrating on finding lasting solutions to general water shortages, government has also been involved in repairs and maintenance of water infrastructure in this area.

Mind you, breaking down of infrastructure and vandalism are also some of the factors that compound our water challenges.

Our repairs and maintenance work on water infrastructure in this area is currently on-going and we have allocated **R4, 4-million** in this current financial year.

Greater Sekhukhune District Municipality has also intervened to alleviate water shortage by allocating water tankers in areas such as **Five Morgan, Ten Morgan, Makitla, Thabanaswana, Matlala a Lehwelere, Bloempoot, Kgobokwane, Rameleteng, Thakhubedu, Malaeneng, Marapong, Melodi, Malefahlo, Lesehleng A & B, Uitspanning, Mohlamonyane and Ditshego.**

Programme Director,

Earlier on I spoke about the ANC Manifesto. Let me remind everybody here that when the ANC won the elections overwhelmingly, this manifesto became policy of government.

All that we are doing now as government is to implement what it promises as it is a guideline that will enable us to achieve or even surpass the targets that it has set during the term of this government.

Thank You.

