

Project NEWSLETTER

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RAMOKOKASTAD ROAD PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



On the 14th of February, the MEC of Department: Public Works and Roads in the North West, Honourable Gaoage Oageng Molapisi was accompanied by Kgosi Ramokoka and his council, HOD for Department of Public Works and Roads Mr Moss Kgantsi, Bateline Investments, Hlanganani Engineers and Project Managers, and Ward 1 and 2 Councillors during the sort-turning ceremony at Ramokokastad.



The exciting part about this project is that even the MEC of **North West Public Works and Roads**, honourable **Gaoage Oageng Molapisi** graced it with his presence as a sign of sincere approval.



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Overview

The mission of the North West Department of Public Works and Roads is to provide safer public transport, and provincial land, building and roads infrastructure management systems towards a better life for all.

The Department's strategic goals are to provide corporate support to the Department; provide and manage the provincial fixed asset portfolio of the province; provide, maintain and manage the provincial roads network; provide efficient and integrated transport systems that are safe, accessible and affordable to all; and coordinate and facilitate the creation of job opportunities through the Expanded Public Works Programme.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Nonhlanhla Edith Mhlongo

Back in the days living in rural areas was a great significance because communities developed a culture of Ubuntu which conversely offered an advantage of safety.

However, nowadays things have changed, whereby certain disadvantages were identified, such as restricted access for ambulances to reach sick patients, establishment of a health care facility, lack of public transport, educational access and amenities that can play a big role in advancing the economical state in the province. We talking about outlets such as fuel station, supermarket, building warehouse or local restaurants.

This road has been a problem for many years and we are talking about the road that joins two provinces together, namely North West and Limpopo province. With that being said, ideas like Ramokoka project must be applauded, motivated and supported by all stakeholders both internally and externally as it brings a massive change and opportunities in the communities.



	NORTH WEST PROVINCE DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ROADS PWR 17/22: THE UPGRADING FROM GRAVEL TO SURFACE STANDARD OF ROAD D514, Z561, D503 AND D501 FROM ACCESS TO RAMOKOKASTAD TO MMOROGONG VIA PYLKOP ACCESS APPROX 21KM (INCL. 2 WATER CROSSING BRIDGES)
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	PROJECT FINANCED BY: BAPHALANE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL & DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ROADS



Photo: Road work



stakeholder briefing session

On the 24th of February 2023 the first Ramokoka transport **infrastructure meeting** was held at Ramokoka hall. This was a stakeholder briefing session on the **recruitment processes**. On this day, the following were officially announced.



- **Contractor:** Bateline investment (Pty)Ltd
- **Consultant:** Hlanganani Engineers and Project managers (Pty)Ltd
- **Project description:** Public Works & Roads 17/22 (The upgrading from gravel to surface standard of road D514, Z561, D503 and D501 from access to Ramokokastad to Mmorogong via Pylkop access approximately (21Km including two (2) water crossing bridges.)

PROJECT TEAM

- Client representative.
- Project engineer and supervision team (including **OHS**).
- Contractors contract manager and site team.

CONTRACTUAL INFORMATION

- Contract Period: 24 Months
- Site handover date: 09 May 2023
- Project start date: 13 May 2023
- Project end date: 23 July 2025

FINANCIALS

- Contract amount: R209 562 856.31 (VAT incl)



MEC of Department: Public Works and Roads of North West province, Honourable **Gaoage Oageng Molapisi** showing off his construction skills. Indeed he is the man of many hats!



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PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) MEMBERS



A **Project Steering Committee(PSC)** is a group of stakeholders within the community that is formed to oversee and support the project development. It is a governing system used to organise key project stakeholders and empower them to drive a project to a successful completion.

PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE:

- Mr Donald Ramokoka
- Mr Thipe Sammy
- Ms Mphela Kgomotso
- Ms Sigida Rosina
- Mr Ndlovu
- Mr Butiki Letlape
- Mr Mogwera David
- Mr Neo Molewa
- Ms Jabulile Nxumalo



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Duties of CLO and LDO

The CLO reports to the project manager. Her role is to facilitate the active involvement of the community to this project, collaborate the contractor, PSC, Ward Councillor's and the community. Hence on the other hand the LDO works with labour agreements between the employer and the employees. Usually she arrange and attend meetings with employees and other relevant parties involved in a contract.

INDUCTION



JUST A BUGG has always taken pride in what they do and make quality their first principle. On the 07 March 2023, they instantly conducted an induction for the **Project Steering Committee(PSC)**, which was well conducted with success.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMMEs?

On the 13th March 2023, **SMME briefing** was held at Ramokoka hall, on this day Cllr Bontle Bosielo(Ward 2) was present, representing the community. This on its own symbolises the great impact that came forth with this project which is women empowerment and resilience. Her leadership and commitment as a leader set a great example to all the young girls in the community who aspire to thrive for mental and personal independence.

"Big-up to all the women who are playing a role in this project."

42 employees were recruited and sent for medical check-ups for fitness. This is one of the crucial action to be taken because it allows the doctor to diagnose the patient early if there is any underlying illnesses and put him/her under prescribed medication. On the other hand if the employee is diagnosed unfit that helps the contractor to find a replacement on time to avoid operation delays onsite. This project really opened great opportunities including two companies appointed for fuel supply. Ten subcontractors appointed for plant hire, supply of site toilets, borehole water has been found and tested. PPE was supplied to all the employees, the contractor adjusted labour rate from R25.42 to R30.00 per hour.

The meeting was graced by Mr Tebogo (**Liability insurance**), Mr Bricks (**Database issue and ownership of trucks**), Mrs Lesego (**Development and Empowerment**), Mr Tebogo Sambo (**Grading and advertising of jobs**).

In conclusion, Mr Sam Thipe requested that the people who don't have SABS must be trained so that they can be approved, furthermore he advised that local companies should collaborate in order to reach a successful and sustainable business.



SMMEs who attended got an opportunity to fill the data-base forms before the briefing session.

SMMEs meeting with the contractor Bateline Investments and Hlanganani Engineers and Project Managers

During the SMME briefing, the contractor Bateline unpacked the BOQ (Bill Of Quantities) explaining what is expected from the SMME's for their companies to meet requirements. The information about the data base list was briefly explained also so that everyone can understand. On that note the floor was opened for anyone to ask questions and get clarity before the meeting agend. Mr Deran Narainsamy from Hlanganani Engineers & Project Managers, also got an opportunity to unpack the project road map to the SMME's during briefing session.



Itani Mulaudzi
Main Contractor
(Bateline Investments)



Thabang Molaola
Project Manager
(Department: Public Works and Roads)



Jabulile Nxumalo
Social Facilitator (Just a bugg)



Deran Narainsamy
Consultant
(Hlanganani Engineering & Project Managers)

SITE BRIEFING



On the 21st of July 2023, members of the community along with local SMMEs were invited for a Site-Briefing for the road construction project.

Points from the Site briefing:

The community and SMME's attended in numbers, this was impressive as it showed a positive mindset and willingness to participate in this project. In the process **Bateline Investment** team presented the packages and managed the attendance register of the briefing. This was a beautiful session that allowed everybody to feel important and needed whereby even suggestions were made to invite **Department of Labour** to assist SMMEs with **COIDA** on site during the community meeting to avoid delays.

CONTRACTOR SITE ESTABLISHMENT



Borrow pits have been identified within the community of Ramokokastad. The community and Baphalane Tribal Authority have channeled their support towards road construction by availing their community assets (Asset Based Community Development)

CONCLUSION



PROGRESS MEETING

On the 16 August 2023 Mrs Jabulile Nxumalo who is the **social facilitator** of this project opened the meeting and welcomed all the PSC members who were present. She indicated the apologies of the members who were absent due to medical conditions. Mr Molaudzi, whom was involved in an accident received the heart felt messages from the team, wishing him a speedy recovery. Nothing feels so warm like working with people who remind you that a family doesn't end at the doorstep of your home but it also extends to your work environment. May this love and unity continue to grow beyond measure.

Feedback given to the team by the CLO and LDO about the site progress thus far:

- According to the main contractor's feedback, all the work that has been taking place from the beginning of **the project thus far is satisfactory.**
- Rapid action taken on the communication structure showed a great progress as it was said to be at **95%** and only awaiting **Wi-Fi to be installed.**

"Can we clap for that!!"

