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LET US CLEAN OUR STREETS

LET US CLEAN OUR STREETS Executive Mayor of Mantsopa Municipality Mamie Tsoene, Premier Ntombela, Minister of Women and Children in the Presidency Bathabile Dlamini, MEC of Deste, Limakatso Mahasa and ANC Treasurer General, Paul Mashatile at the cutting of ribbon at the buy bulk center as part of Good Green Deeds programme in Mantsopa. Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform, Maite Nkoana Mashabane, Premier Ntombela, Minister of Women and Children in the Presidency, Bathabile Dlamini, MEC of Deste, Limakatso Mahasa and ANC Treasurer General Paul Mashatile in Ladybrand at the launch of Good Green Deeds programme in Free State. By Own Correspondent Last Friday Premier Sisi Ntombela pleaded with the people of Mantsopa Local Municipality to clean their streets as if it was their last day on earth. Ntombela was accompanied by ANC Treasurer General Paul Mashatile, Minister of Women and Children Bathabile Dlamini, Minister of Rural Development and Land reform Maite Nkoana Mashabane, MEC of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Limakatso Mahasa for the official opening of bulk buy centre in Mantsopa on International Women's Day. The event also took place on the day that President Cyril Ramaphosa was launching the Good Green Deeds programme in the Eastern Cape. The Good Green Deeds programme is a ground breaking environmental awareness programme that seeks to mobilize all sectors in South Africa to become more environmentally conscious about littering, illegal dumping, pollution and other harmful activities have ill effects on the natural environment as well as the quality of life and health of communities. The opening started by cleaning the parks in the town of Ladybrand where Premier of Free State, MEC Maki Mahasa led the cleaning of the area. "Our townships must be clean and it must start by

showing to us because we are the one who lived in the spaces all the time," said MEC Mahasa. Ntombela called on residents in the townships to begin cleaning their areas despite challenges facing them. She said the environment must reflect the nature and character of the people living there and added that the green economy has the ability to contribute to economic growth, not only through job creation and economic development, but also through its contribution to the reduction of the carbon footprint.. "The success of greening our economies and cleaning depends to a large extent on our ability to educate and skill our youth as the drivers of innovation in the greening of economy and society," said Ntombela. In attendance were Expanded Public Works Programme EPWP and Community Workers Programme CPW before cutting the ribbon of buy bulk center, Premier Ntombela added with that she was going to add another 72 EPWP programme workers and 110 CPW's in Mantsopa from Public Works and Infrastructure and their stipends would vary as EPWP's would earn R2300.00 and CPW's would earn R1000.00. She also announced that buy bulk center has employed more than 200 youth from Mantsopa. Speaking to one of the beneficiaries who has been employed at EPWP as Grade 2 Environment Management Inspector, Nomonde Molokwane 28 said: "I am very excited and humbled at the same time because I'm going to lead my peers and I know that it won't be easy but I will make sure I do respect them so that we can work like a well oiled machine."