

MANTSOPA MUNICIPALITY BUY- BACK

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Minister of Women in the Presidency, Bathabile Dlamini officially opened the Buy-Back Recycling Centre in Ladybrand on the 8th March, 2019 as part of the provincial launch of the Good Green Deeds campaign. Her entourage consisted of, to mention but a few; Minister of Agriculture and Land Reform, Maite Nkoana Mashabane, Free State Premier Sisi Ntombela, African National Congress (ANC) Treasure General, Paul Mashatile, Members of Executive Committee and Mayors from different municipalities. There was a great jubilation in the air when Free State Premier, Sisi Ntombela revealed that those working as part of Community Worker Programme (CWP) will get an increment. "I am glad that this Centre is continuing to create jobs for our people. It has to date employed over 200 workers. We are going to support it as we can see it has the potential of employing more people. The municipality has already employed 1023 CWPs. The municipality has just appointed 110 CWP and 50 EPWPs and 22 as part of the Good Green Deed Programme," said Ntombela. She added: "We are going to employ 50

Extended Public works Programme (EPWPs) through the provincial Department of Public Works and they will earn R2300 per month for a period of a year. The Community Worker Programme (CWP) do not work on a daily-basis, however, we are going to give them an increment. They were earning R800 and will now earn R1000 per month starting from the 1st of April." The Premier further signed letters of designation for Environmental Management Inspectors (EMIs), meaning Mantsopa municipality will be able to enforce compliance with regards to the environmental activities. Mantsopa Waste Officer, Luyanda Vice has just become an EMI for the municipality. Mantsopa Local Municipality Mayor, Mamsie Tsoene cautioned the community against littering as that does more harm to the environment and the health of the residents. "All of us can do something to attain a clean environment. This is a clarion call to all sectors in society to do their part to contribute to Good Green Deeds. Where there is litter, society is urged to work together to clear litter and rubble that threatens our efforts to build a healthy South Africa," explained the Mayor.