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# Construction on roads in Joe Morolong resumes

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**Key stakeholders smiling after a constructive briefing session at the John Taolo Gaetsewe district municipality. *Fltr* : Road Forum chairperson Mr Kagiso Gaborokwe, executive mayor of JTG municipality councillor Sofia Mosikatsi, MEC for Roads and Public Works Abraham Vosloo and SIOC-cdt chief executive officer Mr Vusani Malie.**

**T**he MEC for Public Works and Roads has stood steadfast that the Joe Morolong roads ought to receive due attention during his tenure and expunge years of uncertainty to the desperate community of the vast constituency.

Abraham Vosloo and his team visited the district on October 31, 2019. It was his regular itinerary that seeks to correct numerous falsehoods that surrounded the construction of the noisy-stricken roads that led to the closure and destruction of schools between 2012 and 2014.

Mr Vosloo has managed to win the hearts of the Road Forum representatives, aligned his officials to address the road forum in utmost good faith, convinced other stakeholders, that include SIOC-cdt and the John Taolo Gaetsewe Developmental Trust, that it is never too late to mend.

In a briefing held at the John Taolo Gaetsewe council chambers, it was revealed that construction of the Di-thakong road is to resume within the next two weeks, as the contractor has been engaged and that the community liaison officer in the surrounding villages has been identified by members of the community.

On November 05, 2019 the contractor was introduced to the community and emphatic construction work is starting. The determined MEC Vosloo said that the project could have started earlier, however the Department of Labour had to issue a licence for the commencement of the project.

The Laxey road is also receiving similar attention, said the MEC, confirming that engagement between SIOC-cdt and his department are at an advanced stage where technicalities have to be finalised before earnest funding can be avail-

ed.

SIOC-cdt is one of the stakeholders prepared to fund the multi-million rand project with more players, including government, and mines are being lobbied to come on board to co-fund the colossal project.

The executive mayor councillor Sofia Mosikatsi expressed her gratitude for the way the new MEC has committed himself to ensure that the contentious roads receive deserving attention.

“Honestly, since MEC Vosloo came in, there is positive direction on this issue. He has allocated the better percentage of his time and probably funds to ensure that the road dispute is settled by action not fictitious statements. All stakeholders are very happy and there is harmony and a great level of transparency - the main deficiency that was stumbling progress”, Ms Mosikatsi exclaimed.