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MAFIKENG MAIL – MAHIKENG: The DA in North West has through their provincial spokesperson on Public Works and Roads expressed concern about the latest reports that a contractor, Ndhuna Civil Engineering Services who allegedly failed to complete two road projects in the province and was issued with notices of termination, had been awarded a new contract by the same Department of Public Works and Roads.

According to these reports, Ndhuna Civil Engineering Services, who received contracts through a competitive process for road projects in Brits and Rustenburg that were still unfinished, had been allocated a fresh R134 million for road projects in Zeerust.

According to Sonakile, the DA had repeatedly urged the Department to place contractors on a "blacklist" if they do not uphold their contractual commitments.

"If this case is true, then it is an indication that the ANC North West government is not serious about consequence management and the province has become a 'free for all state'.

"Holding contractors accountable for their contractual obligations is not optional, but a governmental duty to safeguard public funds.

"The DA has today written to the MEC of Public Works and Roads, Saliva Molapisi, requesting clarity on the matter. We further requested information relating to the two previous incomplete projects, including amounts paid and the current R134 million Zeerust tender. The request was extended to tender documents of the current tender, including the names of all contractors who placed bids.

"The DA will scrutinize the tender process and hold the department accountable for alleged departmental capture", said Sonakile.