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MAHIKENG MAIL-MAHIKENG: The MEC for Public Works and Roads, Gaoage Oageng Molapisi has directed the Head of Department (HOD), Moss Kgantsi to institute an internal investigation on a tender awarded to Ndhuna Civil Engineering Services valued at R134 million.

MEC Molapisi has confirmed receiving the report and ordered an independent forensic investigation to be instituted as a matter of urgency.

The report indicated that the Department has no record of any official termination of contract, in relation to the two abandoned projects but only “notice of termination” was issued to the contractor. Moreover, termination processes were never concluded. Equally, there was no process to register a complaint against the contractor. Is an anomaly that a project is abandoned, nothing is said about it, and officials continue with business as usual? I demand accountability for this negligence and waste of taxpayers’ money,” Molapisi maintains. In finding a permanent solution to this matter MEC Molapisi has directed the HoD Kgantsi to terminate the Department’s contract with Ndhuna Civil Engineering Services without delay. MEC Molapisi has also outlined the following terms of reference to guide the independent forensic investigation: Investigation of the appointment of Ndhuna Civil Engineering Services for contract PWR 127/14 from Khunotswana Village towards N4, to the total amount of R134 million; Investigation of project

management on the following contract; (a) PWR 09/17B-FA23 for Patch and reseal of road D521 from road P51/1 in Segwaelane to Wonderkop.

The appointed service provider was Ndhuna Civil Engineering Services; (b) PWR 09/17D FA-24: Patch and Reseal of Road P63/1 from Letlhabile to Hebron (Gauteng Border) including intersection improvement on the Mangope Highway. The appointed service provider was Ndhuna Civil Engineering Services; and Investigation on any other abandoned project by Ndhuna Civil Engineering Services. “The HOD must appoint an independent forensic investigation in line with the terms of reference provided, and within a period of six weeks of appointment, the investigation should be concluded. The outcomes of the investigation will be made public and whatever remedial actions recommended by the final report will be actioned to the latter; including consequence management recommended,” Molapisi emphasized.

MEC Molapisi has also urged members of the public to report any allegations of possible malfeasance to relevant authorities, including law enforcement agencies.