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## Baphalane Traditional Council, Department of Public Works, Moses Kotane Local Municipality and Amandelbult Platinum Join Hands.

The Baphalane Traditional Council, in collaboration with the Department of Public Works, Moses Kotane Local Municipality, and Amandelbult Platinum Mine, held a ceremony at Ramokokastad village on Thursday, 07 November 2024 to officially inaugurate the first 5 kilometers of the 20 kilometers D514 Road.

The event was led by Kgosi Manotshe Ramokoka wa Baphalane and attended by Mayor Nketu Nkotswe, Members of Baphalane Traditional Council, MKLM Councillors, and officials from various organizations, including Bateline investment and Hlanganani Consulting Engineers.

This multi-year road construction project, set for completion in 2025, encompasses upgrading from gravel to a surface standard for roads D501, D503 and Z561, along with the construction of two bridges.



Mr. Peter Thombo, Head of Infrastructure for the Baphalane Traditional Council, highlighted the significance of the R514 road, which will connect the North West and Limpopo Provinces upon completion. He emphasized that this development is poised to unlock new economic opportunities for local communities in various sectors and made reference to Tourism in particular.

In her address, Mayor Nkotswe praised the collaborative effort among stakeholders, stating "This milestone that we are celebrating today is the result

by reaffirming the municipality's commitment to working alongside all communities to improve their quality of life.

Kgosi Manotshe Ramokoka described the project as life changing and transformative for the community, underscoring the Baphalane Traditional Council's vision to enhance the socio-economic landscape through collaboration with both government and private sector partners. He stated "We intend to diversify our economic portfolio and help sustain lives, so that generations and generations could



As noted by Construction Manager: Mr. Alpha Valoyi, the project has already generated over 80 Local jobs during its initial phase, with expectations for further employment opportunities and sub-contracting for emerging Local businesses in subsequent phases.

of a Private Public Partnership that we are always encouraging and it demonstrates what we can achieve if we continue to work together. We have seen the economic impact of this project by the number of jobs it has created and how people have been empowered through skills transfers" The Mayor concluded

follow in our footsteps". This sentiment reflects the Council's commitment to fostering long-term sustainability and paving the way for future progress and opportunities.