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**MAHIKENG:** The Department of Public Works and Roads, in collaboration with Mahikeng Local Municipality, has officially introduced the contractor at Dithakong for the block paving of Road Z473, stretching 4.4 kilometres from Road D3545 to Road D41. The project forms part of the government's ongoing efforts to upgrade rural roads, improve mobility and stimulate local economic development. The paving of Road Z473 is expected to significantly improve safety, reduce transport costs and enhance accessibility for school children and small businesses. Local small businesses are set to benefit directly as the project prioritises sourcing

materials locally and creating employment opportunities for residents. The Department also confirmed that part of the budget will be allocated to training programmes, equipping young people with technical and general skills while offering students in-service training placements. The introduction ceremony was graced by the Mahikeng Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Tshepiso Mpheho; MEC for Public Works and Roads, Hon. Elizabeth Mokua; Public Works and Roads Head of the Department Moses Kgantsi; Members of the Mayoral Committee; Councillors; Traditional Leaders; and other dignitaries. Their collective

message underscored the importance of infrastructure development as a catalyst for socio-economic growth. The Executive Mayor of Mahikeng Local Municipality, Cllr Tshepiso Mpheho, also highlighted the transformative impact of the project, noting that the new road will connect communities, improve school access and boost economic activity in Dithakong village and surrounding areas. The initiative falls under the broader National Development Plan (NDP) and the District Development Model, which aim to ensure that no community is left behind in the pursuit of progress and improved service delivery.