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Media Invitation

Minister Patricia de Lille to visit North West Province to inspect various projects

Tomorrow, 16 January 2020, Minister Patricia de Lille will be visiting the North West province to engage with the MEC of Public Works and Roads, Oageng Molapisi, the administrator as well as officials in the regional office of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI).

Minister de Lille will receive updates and hold meetings with stakeholders regarding key issues in the province.

The purpose of the official visit, is for the Minister to check and assess first-hand the progress made by the Minister's Intervention Team deployed from National to the provincial Public Works and Roads department since it was placed under administration.

Cabinet invoked Section 100 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa on May 23, 2018, placing several provincial departments under administration including the department of Public Works and Roads, which is currently under Section 100 (1) (b).

Mr Samuel Thobakgale is the appointed Administrator and leader of the Intervention Team in the department.

The Minister's visit to the North West will also include a visit to various projects in the region including handing over a fleet of machines to districts as well as a roads maintenance project.

The Rehabilitation of Roads in the Major Towns and Cities in the North West Province project, also known as the "War on Potholes" project started in November 2019 and is set for completion at the end of February 2020.

This roads rehabilitation project will see an investment of approximately R20million to repair and upgrade various key roads in the province including main roads and major internal roads in Rustenberg, Mahikeng, Vryburg and Potchefstroom amongst other areas.

The Minister will also hand over a fleet of new equipment to assist teams in addressing the roads maintenance backlog in the province. The newly procured equipment, valued at approximately R28million will make a significant impact in the roads maintenance programme.

Media are invited to attend the Minister's visits to the projects.

Date: 16 January 2020

Time: 10h00

Location: Molopo Workshop, 1090 Modiri Molema Road, Mmabatho

Roads rehabilitation project visit:

Time: 11:00

Location: Nelson Mandela Drive, Mahikeng (McDonald's intersection)

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