

The Deputy Minister of Public Works, Mr. Ntopile Kganyago, gives remarks on the occasion to inaugurate the Public Works Stand at the 2007 Rand Show

Venue : Rand Show, Nasrec Exhibition Grounds, Gauteng

Dare : Wednesday, 04 April 2007

- Senior Managers
- Representatives of our Public Entities
- All officials of the Department
- Ladies and Gentlemen

The Batho-Pele principles of government require us, among others, to constantly engage with the public as part of information-sharing. As a Department, we have identified the Rand Easter Show as one of the many mediums we use to bring Public Works closer to the public. This is because the Rand Show is one of the prime events in the Exhibition Calendar of South Africa.

This is our third time in a row that we have participated in the exhibition. Our creative efforts were duly recognized and handsomely rewarded when we were awarded the gold and platinum awards in 2006. All eyes will be on Lindie and her team to increase the tally this year.

However, we do not put pressure on them to win anything. The primary purpose of being here is to inform the public about the functions and programmes of Public Works and how these impact on the quality of life of South Africans.

The decision to participate in the major exhibitions in the country stems from the commitment we undertook in January 2000, to open up the Department, and share its policies and programmes with all the publics and the stakeholders.

After all when we say **South Africa Works Because of Public Works**, we want the public to be our witnesses.

I thank you all for coming and officially declare Public Works Stand in Hall 5, as open for business and fun. Enjoy your interactions.