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SPEECH BY THE NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY EXECUTIVE MAYOR, CLLR PHALADI SAKU ON THE WATER WEEK CELEBRATION HELD IN DINOKANA SPORTS GROUND.

26TH OF MARCH 2013

Programme Director,

Kgosi Moiloa

House of Traditional Leaders,

All Councillors Present,

His Excellency, Mayor Africa Thale,

All Mayors present,

All MEC's present,

Management and Staff of the Department of Water Affairs present,

Management and Staff of Botshelo Water present,

Management and Staff of all Municipalities in the District present,

All Protocol observed,

Ladies and Gentlemen, DUMELANG

We are here today to celebrate the National Water Week as the week of the 18th to 24 March is declared to be an awareness week campaign that aims at educating communities on the importance conserving water under the theme

“Water is life, Respect it, Conserve it, Enjoy it”

In January the 08th, President of the ruling party announced the intention to ensure that our people receive water as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic.

On the State of the Nation Address, the president of the republic of South Africa pronounced Ngaka Modiri Molema as a targeted district to deliver water and sanitation for 2012/13.

It is the interest of the ANC led government to adhere to the Constitution of the Republic. All affected state organs are expected to carry out their constitutional mandates.

We continue to commit in ensuring that communities have access to clean drinking water (Metsi a bothokwa), thus BAGOROSI (Pty) Ltd was appointed for the construction of Dinokana bulk water supply augmentation amounting to **R 24'940'000.00**.

This project was initially set for the duration of (16) sixteen months starting from the 06th of August 2009 which was revised as the project continued and was supposed to end by the 12th September 2012, but the project was completed by the 31st of January 2011.

We all know that for the project to be deemed successful, it would have to strive to create feasible condition in designated Municipalities infrastructure investment by making sure that all risks are clearly identified, thoroughly analyzed and prudent

mitigated with maximized and sustainable developmental impact on the lives of the local communities. This implies that the project must be financially and economically viable, socially responsible, environmentally sustainable, technically appropriate, and most importantly legally and contractually sound.

Dinokana Bulk Water Supply Augmentation aimed at investigation, identification and implementation of sustainable strategic plans which will have a long term effect on the quality water supply in Dinokana Village and surrounding areas. It has been very clear from the beginning of the project that the bulk operations included the provision of portable water in bulk to other water service institution within its area of operation, included in these functions related to the

abstraction and supply of water as well as quality control, water distribution and demand management aspects, furthermore assess institutional capabilities of the relevant municipality which will help in the developmental or commercial funding for future upgrades.

According to the investigation findings, the biggest challenge in sorting out the water problem in the area has been identified as insufficient source. The current source is definitely experiencing a severe strain in the supply line with the source in Matlhase boreholes as is no longer sufficient to adequately supply even 50% of Dinokana area with portable water but an alternative sources have to be identified; storage is fairly adequate but needs upgrading as the existing storage is either

defective/leaking; the two spring water eyes have to be properly equipped in order to maximize the capacity, dedicated lines have to be constructed as connections between the eyes and reservoirs in order to deliver intact supply to the storage tanks, and therefore allow gravity to take its course to meet the demand of which measurements are required in order to make informed decisions, and an illegal connections/tapping in the reticulation system is also causing major problems on the delivery

It is eminent that communities have to be educated on these challenges, thus the Department of Water Affairs, Botshelo Water and the District has partnered to go on a vigorous awareness campaign to sensitise communities on challenges facing the supply

of water as Department of Water Affairs has declared the week of the 18th to the 24th the National Water Week.

Programme Director, as we close the Water Week, the District Municipality have the pleasure of reporting back to the Community of Dinokana that phase two of the project will be implemented by **May 2013** and mainly concentrated on the installation of yard connections on all households in Dinokana in order to address the current challenges.

His Excellency, the Mayor of Ramotshere Moiloa, Cllr Africa Thale, Kgosi ya Dinokana, Kgosi Moiloa le morafe ***ntetleng go le ribolela di thulaganyo tsa go***

tsweletsa projeke ya dingwaga di le tharo, this project amounting to **R 140' 406' 815.00** will be completed by **June 2016**, aims at installing new metered water supply pipeline in a form of yard connections.

This process will leave 8870 household with basic water supply as beneficiaries. This will enable the municipalities to be in a position to accurately measure usage, as water service providers we will be in a position to be aware of the demand in correlation with the available supply, which will later be instrumental for future planning.

Programme Director, please note that the planned integrated approach will equip municipalities both local and district with all the necessary capabilities and

implementation records which will assist in the sustainable water supply for current and future infrastructure developments in the area.

The project will further enhance job creation in the village with no less than 113 local labourers being employed. Challenges experienced in the phase one of this project will be overcome in the implementation of phase two by appointing a social facilitator who will be dealing with community related issues and information, this will minimise any misunderstandings at the initial stage of the project in making way for the less challenging process of implementation of the project.

Ladies and Gentlemen as we all know that our Country's water resources are limited, government calls all of us to play our part and use water wisely, conserve it, so that we must enjoy the benefit of pure, clean water.

The District Municipality is planning to convene a District Water Summit 2013 in April to vigorously engage on how best we can save limited resources that we have without denying communities' access to water as it is their right not a privilege.

Program director, we urge all our people to be watchdogs of their own services and resources. It is important that our people must start a new culture of saying "re ka direla Afrika Borwa eng and stop saying what is government doing for us". Re a le

kopa bagaetsho, dilo tse le ditirelo ke tsa lona, ka jalo a re di tlhokomeleng.

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KE A LEBOGA

I THANK YOU.....

