



Press release

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SOD TURNING CEREMONY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MARAPONG BULK WATER PIPELINE PROJECT

In one of the most significant projects that clearly demonstrates the positive outcomes of the District Development Model approach to service delivery, Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, Grootegeeluk (Exxaro) Mine General Manager, Ronald Mafoko, jointly with Limpopo Water and Sanitation Department's Naomi Mathibe, conducted a sod turning ceremony for the first phase of the construction of Marapong Bulk Water Pipeline. The ceremony which was held at the mine's pump station 3 on 17 September 2020 was also used as a platform for the mine to introduce the main contractor for the construction of the pipeline. The District Development Model is a Model which was launched by the Honourable President, Cyril Ramaphosa, at Shongoane Village last year in November 2019. The model is a systematic approach in which all three spheres of government and the private sector plan and implement projects in an integrated manner.

The Pipeline has two phases of which the first phase will be done by Exxaro while the Municipality together with the Limpopo Department of DWS will complete the second phase. The first phase comprises of the refurbishment of an existing 600mm diameter steel pipeline from Zeeland Water Treatment Works to Matimba Takeoff, and in addition the construction of a new pipeline from Matimba Takeoff to Exxaro Pump station 3. The second part of the project to be executed by the Municipality and DWS is the construction of 600mm diameter steel pipeline from Exxaro Pump station 3 to Marapong storage reservoirs.



Speaking during the ceremony, the Mayor welcomed and applauded the commitment by Exxaro of implementing projects that are changing the lives of the people of Lephalale for the better “I would like to appreciate the good working relationship by Exxaro and the partnership which is continuous as this is not the first multimillion project to be implemented by Exxaro. Another project which is a milestone showing that the partnership is yielding good results and improving the lives of our people is the Letlora to Sefihlogo Road which was completed last year”.

According to the mine manager, Mr Mafoko, the project is anticipated to be completed in the next nine months and the mine will continue supporting the project to ensure the successful completion. He also appreciated the partnership between the three institutions and the support and guidance by the Mayor.

On behalf of the Department, Naomi Mathibe, said the Department is committed to support the project and has also set aside funds to assist in the successful completion of the pipeline.

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