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LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY JOINTLY WITH ESKOM-MEDUPI INTRODUCES CSI PROJECTS TO TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES IN LEPHALALE

In a collaborative initiative aimed at speeding up development, the Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Cllr Aaron Mokgetle, along with the General Manager of Eskom-Medupi [Projects], Ms Zandi Shange and representatives from Eskom and the Municipality met with the three traditional leaders in Lephalale on 22 May 2025.

The gathering with the leaders (magosi) was aimed to disseminate information regarding the initiation of the Flue Gas Desulphurisation [FGD] project and the development of three Corporate Social Investment [CSI] infrastructure projects in the villages.

The group commenced in Shongoane, where they engaged with the Shongoane Traditional Council to inform the traditional leaders about the development of two Corporate Social Investment [CSI] infrastructure initiatives: a multipurpose Centre and an Early Childhood Development Center to be built in Maeteletja Village and Motswedding Village, respectively.

The delegation moved to Mokuruanyane for a meeting with Kgosi Langa and his group, where the productive session highlighted the municipality's dedication to fostering solid connections with traditional leaders and strategic partners.

Ms. Shange stated that the building of a multipurpose facility and Early Childhood Development Centre in the two villages demonstrates Eskom's dedication and accountability in supporting the Lephalale communities.

The information sharing session in Ga-Seleka village ended with Mayor Cllr Aaron Mokgetle and Eskom-Medupi Projects General Manager Ms. Zandi Shange meeting the Seleka Royal and Traditional Council. One of the initiatives presented to the herdsmen (mantona) in Ga-Seleka is the establishment of the Flue Gas Desulphurisation [FGD] project, designed for both Eskom Medupi and Kusile power stations to decrease sulphur dioxide emissions by extracting it from the flue gas stream prior to its discharge into the atmosphere.

These initiatives are essential for achieving air quality regulations and reducing the environmental effects of coal-fired power-plants.

The project's construction will last between 4 and 6 years, aiming to tackle unemployment, a concern highlighted by proponents of traditional housing.

Another initiative that was launched is the building of additional classrooms at Olifantsdrift Primary School in Ditlounge Village, which includes additional restroom facilities and water boreholes, along with the Early Childhood Development Centre [ECD] at Seleka Wyk 1.

The information-sharing session was essential in promoting collaboration and partnership among the municipality, traditional leaders, and important stakeholders such as Eskom, highlighting the municipality's commitment to unite with traditional leaders and stakeholders to advance development and enhance Lephalale.

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