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INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE

To address infrastructure backlog, create employment opportunities and unlock economic development, the North West province has set aside R5.7 billion for infrastructure development and maintenance in the 2015/16 financial year. This includes an allocation of R97 million in 2015/16 and R51 million in 2016/17 million for the Disaster Recovery Programme for Orkney as a result of the tremor that happened in August 2014.

Infrastructure spending has in the past been a great challenge for the province.

The move is expected to create employment opportunities and growing the provincial construction and consulting capacity;

Infrastructure continues to be a strategic platform towards economic growth and service delivery. The Infrastructure funding for the 2015 MTEF is geared towards the realisation of the following key priority areas.+

Given the infrastructure backlog in the province and the limited resources at our disposal, Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development will coordinate the engagement with national departments such as Department of Water Affairs and Sanitation, Department of Transport and the DBSA to secure support and funding for the maintenance and construction of other key infrastructure in the province,+ said MEC for finance, Economy and enterprise development Wendy Nelson.

The key priority areas include the bulk water, addressing the provincial roads challenges and backlogs with specific focus on villages, townships and small townships;

Progress has already been recorded and the province has already signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Development Bank of South Africa and the areas of cooperation are amongst others the following, municipal infrastructure planning and implementation support; Water technology research and development; Explore the funding of water, sanitation and electrification; Improvement on extension of broadband network and as well as ICT capabilities



Together moving Bokone Bophirima forward.

A shared services model for integrated planning, implementation and reporting in respect of infrastructure delivery in the departments, municipalities, provincial state owned entities including Special Infrastructure Projects would be established.

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