

**WELCOMING ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF
THABO MOFUTSANYANA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, DR B.E.
MZANGWA, DURING THE INTERGRATED ENERGY CENTRE
SOD TURNING CEREMONY IN MAKWANE, QWAQWA**

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Motsamaisi wa mosebetsi

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Baeti ba bohlokwa

Basebeletsi ba mmuso

Bomme le Bontate,

Kamehla ke ye nne ke rate ho kgothatsa setjhaba sa rona sa Thabo Mofutsanyana ka mantswe a reng, Letsatsi la maobane ha le tshwane le la kajeno hobane la kajeno letsatsi le betere ho feta la maobane mme la hosane lona le betere haholo ho feta la kajeno.

Many a times in my engagements with the community of this District of Thabo Mofutsanyana, I like to emphasis this expression: “Today is better than yesterday and tomorrow will be better than today”. I always express these words with an intention of stirring and renewing their hope in their own democratic government.

Ke bua tjena, motsamaisi wa mosebetsi ka baka la thabo le motlotlo ka mamello le tshepo eo baahi ba Makwane ba bileng le yona ho mmuso wa rona mohlang re neng re tla ho bona ka selemo sa 2008 ka mohopolo

ona wa ho theha setsha sena sa Energy se tlang ho tsamaiswa ke Koporasi e thehilweng ka baahi ba hona mona Makwane. Ke mona he kajeno ho bona ho tjhabile letsatsi le betere ho feta la maobane mme la hosane le tla ba beter ho feta mona ha setsha sena se se sebetsa. Ke kahoo re sa tlamehang ho lahla tshepo bakeng sa maphelo a rona.

Bomme le Bontate, Morero wa ho theha projeke ena o ile wa simolla kamora dipuisano tse bileng teng mahareng a ofisi ya majoro wa phethahatso wa Maluti-a-Phofung, nakong eo ke neng ke sa le masepaleng oo wa Maluti-a-Phofung, le Lefapha la tsa Energy, le Sasol Oil Company le SEDA le makhanselara a Makwane hammoho le mafapha a mang a fapaneng a mmuso.

Programme Director, following intense discussions and follow-up meetings between these stakeholders to embark on this project, the Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality through the office of the Executive Mayor nominated thirty four (34) community members, who were trained and assessed to form a Co-operative of 14 members to run this Intergrated Energy Centre (IEC). The co-operative was then registered with CIPRO after community members were trained by SEDA on Co-operative Act and Business Management Skills.

Although this site is situated in Ward 35 of Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality the IEC will benefit four other wards within Makwane area.

We are confident that through this project, the government has not only taken major strides in the creation of jobs and alleviation of poverty but it has provided the community with an opportunity to have easy and affordable access to modern energy services.

Ladies and gentlemen, as we gather here today for this sod turning ceremony we also take courage of the good work done by our democratic government at all its three levels – national, provincial and local – in fighting tooth and nail for the emancipation of our people from the abyss of dejection and hopelessness by exploring all possible endeavors that uplift them to a better life for all.

Leha ho le jwalo, re nne re dule re hopola hore mosebetsi wa ntshetsopele ya setjhaba ha se o bonolo kamehla ka baka la botebo ba mathata a tobaneng le batho ba bo rona. Sena se pakwa ke e mong wa baetepele ba mehleng mona Afrika, Ntate Kwame Nkrumah ha a ne a bolella basebetsi mmoho le yena hore mosebetsi wa ho tliša pethahalo e felletseng ho motho ha o bonolo kamehla empa ke phephetso eo motho o lokelang ho e nka hobane qetellong o tla fihlela morero wa hao ka thabo.

Programme Director, in quoting him verbatim this great leader Kwame Nkrumah said, "Countrymen, the task ahead is great indeed, and heavy is the responsibility; and yet it is a noble and glorious challenge - a challenge which calls for the courage to dream, the courage to believe, the courage to dare, the courage to do, the courage to envision, the courage to fight, the courage to work, the courage to achieve - to achieve the highest excellencies and the fullest greatness of man. Dare we ask for more in life? "

Programme Director, here we are today feeling more courageous and fulfilled as we reach this point of our task whereby we take a major step in developing our rural communities of Thabo Mofutsanyana District.

Part of the crucial actions in developing rural areas include infrastructure development to help create an enabling environment to produce thriving rural economies and ensure sustainable development.

Ladies and gentlemen, the President of our Country, Honourable Jacob Zuma has always put an emphasis on the importance of rural development as one of government's key priorities because government considers rural development as a catalyst in the struggle against unemployment, poverty and inequality.

Hape re se ntse re hatella le bona bo bohlokwa ba hore batho ba bo rona ba thehe Dikoporasi (Co-operatives) hobane ke e nngwe ya ditsela tsa ho theha mesebetsi le ho lwantsha bofuma ka ho theha dikgwebo-

potlana le diprojeke tse fapafapaneng tsa setjhaba. Ka koporasi o kgona ho finyella batho le malapa a mangata ka nako e le nngwe ho ena le ha o sebetsa le motho a le mong.

Honourable guests, ladies and gentlemen, it therefore gives me great pleasure to be standing here today as one of the foremost pioneers of this project in our locality to welcome you in this grandiose sod turning ceremony for Makwane Intergrated Energy Centre.

In doing so, let me also congratulate the ruling party, which is the African National Congress, as it celebrates its 100th year of its existence this year. May its wings continue to spread wider and wider as it continues to fly higher and higher.

Thank You.