

**SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, REV KEITH M ZONDI, AT
THE OFFICIAL HAND-OVER OF THE MATJHABENG INDUSTRIAL PARK**

15 November 2002

Master of Ceremonies, Mr Nakana Masoka,
The Chairperson of Matjhabeng Industrial Park
MECs present (Mr Sakhiso Belot, MEC for Tourism, Environmental and Economic Affairs;
Mr Sekhophi Malebo, MEC for Public Works, Roads and Transport)
The Executive Mayor, Lewjleputswa District Municipality, Ms Mamiki Qabathe
The Speaker for Lewjleputswa District Municipality, Mr Mzwandile Hleko
The Mayor: Matjhabeng Municipality, Mr Serake Leeuw
Distinguished guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my privilege today, on behalf of Minister Stella Sigcau, the Minister of Public Works of the Republic of South Africa, to say a few words at this joyous occasion where we are officially handing over the Matjhabeng Industrial Park to the Lejweleputswa District Municipality.

Please allow me to convey the Minister's apology for her inability to be here owing to other pressing commitments and her sincerest regards to you and to reiterate her full support and active encouragement of developments of this nature - bringing infrastructure to people that enables them to work, grow and develop as entrepreneurs; which enables them to become the creators of further opportunities for employment and to ultimately take charge of our collective destiny by providing their share of the required goods and services that keeps the cash flow alive and well in our economy.

The construction of this industrial park was done under the auspices of our Community Based Public Works Programme. Under this programme infrastructure is brought to communities whilst:

- Making maximum use of labour intensive delivery methods
- Ensuring community empowerment through participation in the identification, construction, maintenance and management of assets
- Promoting human resource development through the incorporation of training and skills augmentation in the project design and implementation
- Making maximum use of local resources.