

MEDIA STATEMENT

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PUBLIC WORKS CELEBRATE EPWP ACHIEVEMENTS

The National Department of Public Works has today, marked the historical celebration of the progress and achievements of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Phase 2 through the launch of National EPWP Week in Temba, Hammanskraal, outside Pretoria.

The EPWP is a National Programme aimed at alleviating poverty and unemployment through the provision of short term to medium term work opportunities and skills development to poor, unskilled and unemployed South Africans.

The National EPWP Week (28 November-04 December 2013) will be held under the theme “**EPWP so many lives changed for the better**”. EPWP week is an awareness campaign by the Department of Public Works (DPW) with the objective to heighten awareness and communication on EPWP. The campaign is intended to re-iterate the role of EPWP in changing the lives of poor and unemployed South Africans.

As part of the celebration, Implementers of the Programme are encourage to embark on events such as projects visits, launches, sod-turning activities and site handovers.

During the launch, the MEC for Infrastructure Development; Ms Qedani Mahlangu did a sod-turning ceremony at the project site where the fencing of the Temba Dam will commence before the end of 2013/2014 financial year. He also embarked on a walk-about at the Greening of Hammanskraal projects.

The EPWP Phase 2 is mandated to be implemented within a five year period (2009/10- 2013/14). By the end of quarter 2, 2013/14 financial year, the

Programme had created over 3 million work opportunities across all its four sectors towards the 4.5 million target to be reached by March 2014.

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