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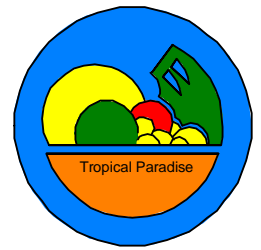
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MEDIA RELEASE

Construction of 14.5 Km Rita to Mariveni road begins

Today, 22 September 2015, the Greater Tzaneen Municipality handed over construction site for the upgrading of the 14.5 Km road from Khopo Village to Mariveni Village during a small gathering at Khopo Primary School. The handover signal the beginning of a three year (36 months) construction of the Rita to Mariveni road. GTM has appointed Tango's Consultants as the consulting engineers on the project and Selby Construction as the main constructor.

The project will benefit ward 22, 23 and 24 of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality and is also expected to create temporary employment as well as provide work skills for locals. The project is funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) which has been funding other successful project of the municipality.

The news of the commencement of the project has been warmly welcomed by residents in the affected areas. In Khopo residents complained about dust during dry seasons and slippery conditions during rainy seasons. Transport operators have struggled with high maintenance costs on their vehicles and commuters are often left stranded during unfavourable weather conditions such as heavy rains.

The municipality has urged residents in the three wards to cooperate with the service providers to allow the project to progress smoothly. Plans to form a Project Steering Committee (PLC) and appoint a Community Liaison Officer (CLO) are at an advanced stage.

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