## Media Release

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Premier Mathabatha to spearhead the signing of agreement on roads rehabilitation in Limpopo towns

The Premier of Limpopo, Mr Chupu Stanley Mathabatha will today, 07 April 2022, spearhead the signing of a memorandum of cooperation on the rehabilitation of roads in various municipalities in Limpopo.

The decision to rehabilitate the roads emanates from the cross-governmental partnership between Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL), Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure (LDPWRI) and various municipalities

This initiative has seen RAL invited to assist with road construction skills as part of encouraging synergy between government departments and local municipalities. The success of the model was seen in Mogalakwena Municipality in January 2022 wherein RAL assisted the municipality in the rehabilitation of various streets that were in bad state before RAL's intervention. It was based on this that some municipalities made request for such service.

Addressing the Premier's Inter-Governmental Forum held recently, Premier Mathabatha had emphasised the matter of collaboration in provision of service as paramount in advancing economic development and recovery.

"We are one government, therefore we should use available resources and skills to develop our province in a collaborative manner. This fundamental intervention and partnership that is going to be signed today is one greater step towards improving the condition of roads within our towns as well as assisting in economic recovery," said Premier Mathabatha.

RAL Chairperson, Mr Matome Ralepibi, said: "The goal is to target the construction and rehabilitation of roads that are catalytic to the economic development of the Province. As the Board of RAL, we also adopted the strategic partnership approach to join hands with the private sector and municipalities. We believe together, we can win the battle to reduce the road infrastructure backlog in the Province."

The signing ceremony, billed to start at 17:00 in Polokwane, is expected to be attended by the MEC for the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Dr Namane Dickson Masemola, together with the Chairperson of RAL Board of Directors, Mr Matome Ralepibi, Executive Mayors and Mayors of various municipalities in Limpopo.

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Members of the media who would like to attend the ceremony should confirm with Dr Maropeng Manyathela, RAL Head of Communications on +27 (82) 333-2802 before 13:00 today.

Date : 07 April 2022

Venue : Fusion Boutique Hotel, Polokwane

Time : 17:00

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