

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY MAYOR MABENGU TO THE HANDOVER OF BADIBANISE ACCESS ROAD ON 4 February 2011 HELD AT PRESBYTERRIAN CHURCH OF AFRICA CHURCH HALL, MT FRERE.

Programme Director

Distinguished Guests

Councillors

Ward Committee Members

Ladies & Gentlemen

I am very grateful that we are gathering here today to hand over officially the 8 kilometer Access Road that has been constructed by our own municipality.

During the course of last year I was approached by the local community of this area with a demand of construction of an access road.

I immediately consulted my counterparts in Council & Exco.

We then all agreed that, in any event, the Badibanise Access Road is already prioritized for Ward 18.

The necessary processes and steps for the road construction were followed.

Accordingly, road construction started.

I must report that this 8 kilometer Access Road was constructed at a total cost of R1 , 9 m, from the Equitable Shares.

The duration of construction was four months with effect form 26 April to 26 August 2010.

It is important to note that job opportunities got created during construction period.

It is my pleasure to report that 37 local people benefited during construction.

Out of this figure we can make a breakdown which says 30 young people, followed by three females and four males benefited from these job opportunities.

Today we are here to do this hand over of Badibanise Road.

I have no doubt that the construction of this road has changed the lives of this community for the better.

I am trying to say in simple terms it is much easier for this community to access social services like hospitals, ambulances, shops and many others.

We have listened to the presentation by the District Officials on Disaster Management.

This lesson on disaster management will go a long way to educate us on how to behave when disaster incidents occur.

I am sure that now we know the definition of a disaster incident.

May we then remain vigilant at all times because a disaster incident comes in as a result of natural forces.

Nobody has a control over it, however, we can predict it and plan ahead of it so that by the time it strikes, there is minimal impact.

With those few words I thank you for listening to me.

Thank you very much!!