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LHDA AWARDS OFFICES AND ACCOMMODATION CONTRACT

Maseru, 10 August 2018 – The Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) has awarded the contract for the design, supply and installation of the LHDA's temporary site offices and accommodation units at Tlokoeng, Mokhotlong, to a firm that combines Basotho and South African companies, the Senqu Hi-Way Partnership. Work on the contract commences immediately with construction expected to be completed by June 2019.

The Senqu Hi-Way Partnership combines Lesotho-registered and wholly Basotho-owned Senqu Construction Services, and Gauteng-based manufacturing company, Hi-Way Parkhome and Container Services. Also included in the partnership are a number of subcontractors, including several Basotho-owned and South African Black-Owned Enterprises.

The Tlokoeng site offices and accommodation contract is one of several advance infrastructure contracts such as those for the feeder roads, resettlement housing, the construction of the Polihali Village and ancillary public service facilities that are vital to the project and present substantial opportunities for participation by emerging enterprises.

The scope of work includes the design, manufacturing, delivery and installation of fit for purpose, insulated, pre-fabricated offices and accommodation units, including recreation facilities. Security, fittings and furniture, and the design and construction of related utilities to serve these facilities, including water supply, sewage disposal and power supply systems are also part of the scope.

The LHDA is committed to enabling local Lesotho and South African companies to participate in Phase II work opportunities. This is demonstrated by the creation of an online company registration platform, roadshows and workshops held for consultants and contractors to present the opportunities available, to share procurement lessons and tips and to clarify the procurement framework.

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Ultimately, the Lesotho Highlands Development Authority aims to comply with the mandate of the Phase II Agreement that South African and Lesotho companies share equally the monetary value of the Phase II infrastructure works.

Phase II of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project builds on the successful completion of Phase I in 2003. It delivers water to the Gauteng region of South Africa and utilises the water delivery system to generate hydro-electricity for Lesotho. Phase II will ensure a reliable water supply to South Africa by 2025, and progressively increase the current supply rate of 780 million cubic metres per annum to more than 1 270 million cubic metres per annum. At the same time, it will increase the quantity of electricity generated in Lesotho and is a further step in the process of securing an independent electricity source to meet Lesotho's domestic requirements.

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About

The Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP) is multi-billion Maloti/Rand project between the governments of the Kingdom of Lesotho and the Republic of South Africa. It comprises water transfer and hydropower generation components and ancillary developments. The water transfer component entails the construction of dams and tunnels in Lesotho, enhancing the use of the Senqu (Orange) River and its tributaries by storing, regulating, diverting and controlling the flow to effect the delivery of specified quantities of water to South Africa, and utilizing the delivery system to generate hydro-electric power in Lesotho.

The major works of Phase I included the construction of the Katse Dam, the water transfer and delivery tunnels, 'Muela Dam and 'Muela Hydropower Plant and the Mohale Dam. The Phase II water transfer component comprises a dam at Polihali and a gravity tunnel that will connect the reservoir at Polihali with the Katse Reservoir. The form of the envisaged hydropower component is subject to the outcome of a the further feasibility study which is now nearing completion.

The Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) is the implementing and management authority for the Lesotho Highlands Water Project, on behalf of the government of Lesotho.

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