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SUBMISSION TO THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT _Infrastructure Development Bill_

1. Background

This submission comes against the backdrop of print media advertisements (10 November 2013), inviting members of the public, individuals and stakeholders to comment on the Infrastructure Development Bill.

The overriding objective in my view, of the advertisement, is to solicit inputs, concerns and comments from all and sundry regarding the future Infrastructure Development of South Africa. I make this representation in my personal capacity as I do in this submission, and motivated by the following factors:-

- For most of my life, I have been confronted with challenges relating to lack of infrastructure, which could have largely influenced the personality and character of my being today. I suppose, this applies to most of individuals.
- The larger part of my life has been devoted to improving the quality of lives of individuals and communities through infrastructure provisioning.

- I am a professional local government practitioner with experience spanning more than 15 years, and in this regards, my conscience obliges me to comment on the subject matter.
- I have been a Chief Executive Officer of a State Owned Enterprise, in which my responsibility was to implement infrastructure projects for the establishment of a trade hub.
- Altogether, in my professional career in Government, for more than 15 years, I have implemented several and varied infrastructure projects worth of more than R200m.

Purpose

To submit comments and highlight areas of concern with regard to the Infrastructure Development Bill. The submission is motivated and informed by the desire to Build a Nation, Grow the economy and Develop a responsible citizenry. This will in the long-term, result in us having a vibrant and self-sufficient economy, healthy and motivated citizenry, who are devoted and loyal to the Constitution of the Republic.

Definite recommendations will be made as far as this is practical and possible. Comments, observations and recommendations made in this submission, are not finite and are not a result of any involved research activity, but largely based on empirical experiences. My comments are as follows:-

It will be important to be explicit about Infrastructure projects that the RSA would like to venture into, with SADCC Countries. The pronouncement on these projects should see the obvious mutual benefit of countries involved in such project/s.

With individual industrialization of countries, each country has its own peculiar strengths and experiences from which lessons can be drawn from, as part of infrastructure development projects.

It will be key to identify global partners, in order to tap in, on their specific industrial skills development, for purposes of our development.

Although the Bill recognizes consultations with relevant Ministers for purpose and objects of the Bill, the Bill is not specific regarding the exact role that Institutions of Learning such as the FET's, Universities, Colleges and Private Institutions are going to play in support of objectives and purpose of the Bill. These roles must provide direction as regards what we want to do as a country, and they must be consistent with our economic development objectives, arising from infrastructure planning and development. This will largely assist with skills planning for the remainder of the Republic. Regulations dealing with these issues should run concurrent with consultations on the Bill, rather to wait for ascension and passing of the Infrastructure Act, and the development of Regulations, later. Amendments will be better as they will be coming from implementation experiences.

For the simple reason that we do not posses all the requisite skills, regulated Partnerships would be highly recommended in this regards, as these Partnerships will provide direct and targeted skills requirements for specific or specified economic sectors in the economic development of the country. Infrastructure development in the country provides a window through which we can develop and attain this objective. This, must always, be consistent with the direction of our economic development and our economic policy

imperatives. Partnerships are meant to produce a particular impact and specific outcomes on a defined time-line, and are not eternal.

The Integrated Development Plans (IDP's) of Local Government, remain the foremost planning document in municipalities. Projects (SIPs) coming from the National Infrastructure Plan, and those arising from the Infrastructure Act, must find way to the IDP's, with accompanying Resolution/s of Council/s. This will promote inclusivity and ownership of Projects.

Since 1994, there has been Projects of a national and provincial character that did not really take off the ground. Similarly, there has been Regional or Provincial Projects that somehow collapsed or ended nowhere. There is a variety of reasons for the above, which includes, but not limited to lack of political will and self-interests. For purposes of what the Bill seeks to achieve, are these projects still relevant and viable today. Do we have cause and reason to believe that those projects will paddle us to the new horizon as epitomized in the Infrastructure Bill? Are current and existing conditions the same as the ones that necessitated the design and proposals of those projects at that time? Do we need to bank these projects, modify and attune them to current realities or discard them completely? Do these projects, in their current form, have the capacity to complement the new planning in the form of the Infrastructure Bill?

Path to the new infrastructural horizon, in the "new" infrastructural landscape of the Republic, must be clear and defined, without any historical infrastructural baggage or debts. If we do not do anything about these

matters, they will continue to haunt government with aspersions that government failed and did not perform.

If left out hanging, these matters have the potential to taint the integrity and work of the Presidential Infrastructure Coordinating Commission. We need to round off, and close chapters.

Projects in the National Infrastructure Plan are like South Africa in heaven. These Projects are necessary and vital for the economic development of the Republic in the immediate and long term. I do not see any problem with that. There are long-term benefits to be derived. The Department of Human Settlements in concert with Local Government, have a pivotal role in the design and implementation of infrastructure projects, especially in the context of service delivery. The Bill is too quiet and needs to be explicit on the role and function of Human Settlement Department and Local Government. This is for the simple reason that, the portfolio of infrastructure falling under the domain of Human Settlements Department is what I refer to the "Bread and Butter Infrastructure". The development of this infrastructure has immediate impact and it is what ordinary person sees and feels, it is about the dignity and quality of life of communities:- Housing, Roads and Stormwater, Electrification of Households, Sanitation. Over and above these, infrastructure such as Sanitation, Taxi Ranks, Community Halls, Sporting and Recreational Facilities, Pedestrian Walk-paths and Bridges, are the window through which one can judge the approximate quality of life of a community. These Infrastructures are currently in a backlog and have more to say about the dignity of a community. The Bill is too quiet and not

explicit, as to how Government is now going to deal with these, notwithstanding the consultations with relevant portfolio Ministers.

Whilst I appreciate the fact that there will be Provincial Roadshows and Public Hearings on the Bill, I view this to be one or the other form of consultation. If Government was to call for proposal on Infrastructure Development across the country, I would still view this as consultation in one form or another. This exercise will allow the National Government to develop a data-bank, because these proposals will now be the property of National Government, and will provide some sense and semblances to National Government, as regards the thinking of municipalities, entities, private individuals and communities about the economic development infrastructure and development of the country. Objectives, guidelines and parameters of this exercise must be clearly defined.

From the Bill, the Secretariat will require a very strong and articulate Legal Services Department, when viewed against the mandate and objectives of the Commission. For operations of the Commission, especially at the level of the Management Committee, the Steering Committee and the Secretariat, we need to know what skills and competencies do we or will we require already. Departments, entities and municipalities seconding individuals to serve in the Steering Committee, must be weary of this requirement if, there is going to be zeal and efficiency in operations of the Commission across its structures. Proxies for individuals representing Departments, entities and municipalities must be limited to one, of the same faces, in order to ensure consistency and continuity in the work of the Commission. I understand the

philosophy and wisdom behind the Steering Committee having to approve

projects and project plans.

To me, the Steering Committee, at best, has the capacity to develop project

plans up to a point where they can approve. The responsibility to approve

must be left with the Management Committee.

Without being pedantic, we all have a fair understanding of the financial

situation of municipalities. The Bill needs to elaborate further, regarding

funding of project appraisals and feasibilities.

For purposes of my representation in this submission to the Portfolio

Committee on Economic Development, I am willing to discuss any part or the

whole of this submission to any designated official/s or representatives, with

respect to this matter, as far as this is practical and possible.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude and thanks for the opportunity to

submit comments of this nature, and I trust these comments shall serve the

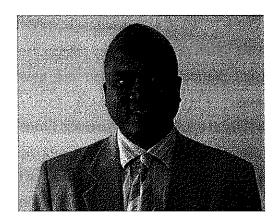
good purpose and object of the intended exercise.

Sincerely Yours.

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KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Tebogo Kebotlhale was the Chief Executive Officer of the Mafikeng Industrial Development Zone until February 2011. He holds a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Liverpool and a Bachelor of Public Administration from the University of the North West. In addition, holds Diploma in Public Administration, Diploma in Office Computing and a Certificate in Community Housing and Development. Inherently a Local Government Practitioner and Administrator.

1. Public Administration

Tebogo has established himself as a strong leader, strategic planner, and manager with good communication skills through the various positions he has attained. He is the former **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of the **Mafikeng Industrial Development Zone (MIDZ)**, an entity created to champion regional industrial development in the North West Province. He was the **Municipal Manager** of Naledi Local Municipality incorporating the town of Vryburg.

He served as **LED Provincial Coordinator** (North West Province) and was a part-time lecturer at the University of North West (2000). He underwent an LED study mission to Brazil and Chile during October 2000. He was appointed a **Director for Local Government** in the North West Provincial Government in 2001. He has served in the North West Municipal Manager's Forum and represented that structure at a National level. He is a former member of the Mining, Minerals and Energy Development Board of the Department of Minerals and Energy.

He is a former member of the Institute for Local Government Management (ILGM)

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2. Other Leadership Activities

Tebogo was involved in student, youth and community politics. He joined Umkhonto we Sizwe underground structure in 1983, planned and carried out several attacks on installations, councilors and police personnel.

He participated in various activities of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) including the One Million Signature Campaign and the Anti-Black Local Authorities campaigns. He was instrumental in the formation of the Congress of South African Students (COSAS) Branch and the Huhudi Youth Organization (HUYO) and participated in activities of the Huhudi Civic Association.

He went into exile in 1985 and underwent various military training in Angola, Cuba and the USSR. He commanded various military units from a section, platoon to a company. He returned to the country in 1987 and operated in the Free State and the East Rand as a Sub-Regional Commissar where he recruited, trained and armed various defense units in the East Rand. He also planned, directed and carried out attacks on installations, police personnel and councilors.

3. EDUCATION

Diploma in Office Computing: Damelin 1995
 Certificate in Community Housing and Development: UCT 1996

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 Diploma in Public Administration: College of Public Admin 1997

4. Masters in Public Administration: University of Liverpool 1999

5. Bachelor of Public Administration: University of North West 2000

4. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

1. MIDZ : 2007- 2011 CEO

2. NALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY : 2002 - 2007 MUNICIPAL MANAGER

3. DLG&H : 2002 – 2002 DIRECTOR

4. NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL GOV. : 2000 – 2002 PROVINCIAL LED

CO-ORDINATOR

5. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

As the former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the MIDZ, he has been the chief strategic planner and coordinator for the implementation of the MIDZ Infrastructure Development Programme estimated at over R 200 million. Projects that have been completed to date are listed below:

MIDZ Contract No.	Project Name	Project Budget
MIDZ/001/05	Town Planning Contract	R 388,000.00
MIDZ/002/05	EIA Contract	R 244,550.00
MIDZ/003/05	Occupation Health and Safety (OHS) Contract	R 436,860.00
MIDZ/004/05	Internal Services Contract	R 59,389,596.00
MIDZ/005/05	Bulk Sewer Pipeline Contract	R 15,283,726.97
MIDZ/006/05	Bulk Water Supply Pipeline Contract	R 22,641,357.00
MIDZ/007/05	Industrial Access Road	R 72,550,619.00
MIDZ/008/05	Bulk Electricity	R 18,671,347.70
MIDZ/009/05	MIDZ Project Management	R 7,177,546.97
	TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	R 198,959,172.00

BRIEF POLITICAL AND PROFESSIONAL PROFILE: TEBOGO KEBOTLHALE

I was born 14 November 1967 and started my primary education in Huhudi, Vryburg in 1975. I attended at Bopaganang Senior Secondary where I got involved in student and youth politics. I was expelled from the school as a result of my involvement in student and community politics. I joined an Umkhonto we Sizwe underground structure in 1983, planned and carried out several attacks on councillors and police personnel. I Participated in various activities of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) including the One Million Signature Campaign and the Anti-Black Local Authorities campaigns. I was instrumental in the formation of the Congress of South African Students (COSAS) Branch and the Huhudi Youth Organization (HUYO) and participated in activities of the Huhudi Civic Association.

I went into exile in 1985 in which I underwent various military trainings in Angola, Cuba and the USSR. I commanded various military units from a section, platoon to a company. Injected in the country in 1987 and operated in the Free State and the East Rand as a Sub-Regional Commissar. Recruited, trained and armed various defence units in the East Rand. I also planned, directed and carried out attacks on installations, police personnel and councilors.

I went on to complete my matric studies at Savio Adult Education Centre in Cape Town during 1991 –92 and went on to do pre-university courses with Khanya College in Salt River in 1993, Cape Town, I was elected the Student Representative Council (SRC) sports coordinator at the College. I was appointed ANC Head of Security for Vryburg Region in 1994 and later seconded to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) in 1994. I was also appointed one of the tri-lateral co-commanders in the Provincial VIP Unit (North West) in which I represented the non-statutory component. I was recruited into the Department of Developmental Local Government and Housing in 1995 to serve as a Personal Assistant to the MEC, until 1999.

I was elected the ANC Pudimoe Branch Secretary from 1997 to 1999. Previous leadership positions held include the chairpersonship of the Roman Catholic Young Christian Movement in 1984. Member of the Huhudi Youth Organization Executive Committee 1983- 1985 and member of the COSAS Executive Committee during the same period. I am the current Chairperson of the South African National Military Veterans Association (SANMVA) and former Chairperson of MKMVA in North West Province. A member of Council for Taletso FET College.

6. Qualifications obtained include the following:-

1.	Diploma in Office Computing - Damelin	-	1995
2.	Certificate in Community Housing and Development – UCT	-	1996
3.	Diploma in Public Administration - College of Public Administration	-	1997
4.	Masters in Public Administration - University of Liverpool	-	1999
5.	Bachelor of Public Administration - University of North West	_	2000

I have successfully completed a dissertation on Local Economic Development (Masters Level) focusing on local authorities in the North West Province. I served as LED Provincial Coordinator (North West Province) and was a part-time lecturer at the University of North West (2000). Underwent an LED study mission to Brazil and Chile during October 2000.

I was appointed a Director for Local Government in the North West Provincial Government in 2001.

I served in the North West Municipal Manager's Forum and represented that structure at a national level. A former member of the Mining, Minerals and Energy Development Board of the Department of Minerals and Energy.

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As the Municipal Manager of the Naledi Local Municipality, he has been the chief strategic planner and coordinator for the implementation of the service delivery projects for communities withIn the municipal area of jurisdiction. Refer to attached schedule of projects undertaken as Municipal Manager.

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN AS A MUNICIPAL MANAGER FROM 2002-2007 NALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

PROJECT NAME	VALUE	SOURCE OF FUNDING	LOCATION AND PEOPLE EMPLOYED	STATUS OF THE PROJECT
Urban Greening	R317 000	Own Revenue	All Wards(91)	Project completed
Paving of Mosiapoa Str	R145 000	Own Revenue	All Wards(48)	Project completed
Stella Housing Project (400) houses	R4 307 600	Provincial Housing Dept	Ward 1(78)	Project blocked
Dithakwaneng Office Equipments	R140 000	Own Revenue	Ward 5(8)	Project completed
Huhudi Stadium Lights	R927 000	Provincial Housing Dept	All Wards(4)	Project completed
Stella Sub-Station	R600 000	Provincial Housing Dept	Ward 1(2)	Project completed
Stella Radio Computer Link	R500 000	Provincial Housing Dept	Ward 1	Project completed
Dithakwaneng Bulk Water Supply	R3 059 900	DWAF	Ward 5(60)	Project Completed
New Town Planning Scheme	R450 000	Provincial Housing Dept	All Wards	Project Completed

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PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN 2003

PROJECT NAME	VALUE	SOURCE OF FUNDING	LOCATION AND PEOPLE EMPLOYED	STATUS OF THE PROJECT
Upgrading Huhudi Hall	R1 050 820	Provincial Housing Dept	Wards 4,5,6,8,9 (20)	Project completed
Street Lights Mosiapoa Street	R250 323	Provincial Housing Dept	Wards 6, 8(8)	Project completed
Park Development Nkosi Street	R235 000	Provincial Housing Dept	Ward 4,6,9	Project Completed
Electrification of 400 houses at Stella	R675 000	NER	Ward 1	Project blocked due to
Uparading of parking area P4	R950 000	Bophirima DC	Ward 7 (20)	Project completed
Electrification of 230 houses at Southern	R562 000	NER	Ward 5 (6)	Project completed
Extension Hunudi				- A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
Upgrading IT System	R250 000	Provincial Housing Dept	Municipal Admin	Project completed
Paving of side walks (Crutse, Mandela & Segawana Street)	R1 113 898	Provincial Housing Dept	Ward 6,8,9 (40)	Project Completed
Water Supply to 885 Households Dithakwaneng	R1 500 000	Land Claims Commission	Ward 5 (35)	Project Completed
Water Reticulation Broedersput	R350 000	DWAF	Ward 2 (12)	Project completed
Sewer System Dithakwaneng	R1 680 000	Provincial Housing Dept	Ward 5 (40)	Project to be completed when the houses are built

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PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN FROM 2004

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PROJECT NAME	VALUE	SOURCE OF FUNDING	LOCATION AND PEOPLE EMPLOYED	STATUS OF THE PROJECT
Construction of 195 VIP Toilets at Devondale	R580 000	DWAF	Ward 2	Project completed
Additional Bulk Water	R2 900 000	DWAF	Wards 3,4,5,6,7, 8 (11)	Project completed
Upgrading Sewer Purification Works	R5 900 000	ÐIM	Ward 3,4,5,6,7,8,9 (6)	Project Completed
New 6 High Mast Lights (Dithakwaneng, Stella and Huhudi)	R700 000	Provincial Housing Dept	Wards 1,4,5,6,,9	Project Completed
Forest Intrusion Project	R1 600 000	Provincial Housing Dept	All Wards (460)	Only fencing of camps is outstanding
New 9 High Mast Lights and street lights at west extension	R1 400 000	Provincial Housing Dept	Ward1, 4, 5, 8, 9 (73)	Project completed
Resealing of certain roads in Vryburg	R1 000 000	Own Revenue	Ward 7	Project completed

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PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN FROM 2005-2007

PROJECT NAME	VALUE	SOURCE OF FUNDING	LOCATION AND PEOPLE EMPLOYED	STATUS OF THE PROJECT
Upgrading of Pudumoe Water Pipeline	R34 000 000	MIG	All Wards	Contractor on site
Mosita Water Reticulation	.R1 400 000	DWAF	Ward 1	Funds Secured
Development of New Clinic at Colridge	R2 500 000	Dept of Health	Ward 2,3,7	Project to be completed by May 2006
Upgrading of ablution block at Taxi Rank and Shoprite	R210 000	Own Revenue	Ward 7	Project Completed
Tarring of South Street (Where the new hospital will be built)	R6 500 000	Dept of Roads & Public Works	All Wards	Funds secured
Water Reticulation for Devondale	R1 600 000	MIG	Ward 2	Funds Secured
Resealing of roads	R2 000 000	Dept of Economic Affairs	Ward 7	Contractor on site
Upgrading of Moffat and Market Street	R 5 600 000	Dept of Roads & Public Works	All Wards	Contractor on site
Extension of Colridge Library	R360 000	Dept o Sports Arts & Culture	Ward 2 & 8	Bids will be awarded during May 2006
Development of six (6) Transfer Stations	R3 800 000	SMIF	All Wards	Bids awarded project will start during June 2006
Mosita Game Farm Fencing	R536 836	Dept of Agriculture	Ward 1	Funds secured
Mosita Game Farm	R1 600 000	Dept of Agriculture	Ward 1	Funds Secured
Devondale Vegetable Production Input	R7 062	Dept of Agriculture	Ward 2	Funds Secured
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PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN FROM 2005-2007

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PROJECT NAME	VALUE	SOURCE OF FUNDING LOCATION AND PEOPLE EMPLOY	LOCATION AND PEOPLE EMPLOYED	STATUS OF THE PROJECT
Frozen Vegetable Project R1 800 000	R1 800 000	NDA	All Wards	Funds secured
Youth Corporation Centre R300 000	R300 000	Dept of Economic Dev	All Wards	Funds Secured
Kgomo Boswa Project	R260 000	Bophirima DC	All Wards	Funds secured (Land to be availed by Municipality)

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Project will be completed by July Contractor on site and project Project will start during June will be completed by October STATUS OF THE PROJECT Waiting for approval letter Bids were invited Funds secured Funds secured Funds secured Funds secured Project started 2006 LOCATION AND PEOPLE EMPLOYED Ward 4,5,6,8,9 Ward 3,4,7 All Wards All Wards All Wards All Wards All Wards Ward 3 Ward 5 Ward 2 Dept of Environ Affairs & MIG & Own Revenue SOURCE OF FUNDING Dept of Agriculture Dept of Education Bophirima DC Bophirima DC Tourism <u>B</u> <u>M</u> <u>S</u> R563 020.70 R1 700 000 R1 550 000 R1 800 000 R2 000 000 R107 386 R150 000 R406 348 R500 000 R280 000 VALUE Fencing Barolong Barui Project (Dithakwaneng) Town Planning for 1500 Human Resettlement Street lights for Moffat, Royden, Krisch and Resealing of East, Voortrekker, Royden, & Thuto Lesedi School Sanitation High Mast Light for Devondale Street Lights for Ben De Klerk Paving of Segawana Street Huhudi Greening Project Upgrade Gravel Roads PROJECT NAME Housing Project Rekgaratihile Matoppie

Design will start during

All Wards

All Wards

Bophirima DC Bophirima DC

R270 000 R950 000

Water Reticulation for 1500 Human Resettlement

Cluster Broiler Project

Housing Project

Tarring Phase 1 of East Street

Fund Secured

September 2006

Funds secured

All Wards

Bophirima DC

R2 100 000

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LANGUAGES

	<u>Speak</u>		Write
English	Excellent		Excellent
Tswana	Excellent		Excellent
Zulu	Excellent	Poor	Poor
Xhosa	Excellent		Poor
Afrikaans	Poor		Poor

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe me, my qualifications, and my experience.

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