

**ADDRESS BY MAYOR MABENGU ON THE OCCASION OF THE HAND OVER OF QUNUBENI ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT ON 21 FEBRUARY 2011.**

Programme Director

Councillors

Distinguished Guests

Ladies & Gentlemen

Good Afternoon!!

I want to start by congratulating you, the people of Ward 21.

I congratulate you because you are among the lucky people of this municipality to have two projects handed over to you on the same day.

We are just coming from Tholeni now to hand over a 3, 1 kilometer Access Road which cost the municipality R1, 1m.

Now we are here together with Eskom to switch on the lights as a symbol of marking the completion of the electrification project.

We have gone a long way in order to have this project moving.

We approached the Department of Energy and Eskom for several times, asking for funds.

Ultimately we secured a substantial amount of funding for the electrification project.

However, I want to stress that for the Qunubeni Project, which includes the following villages: Qunubeni, Qoqa, Bislani and Zibokwana; we have spent about R10 m to connect the 1006 households.

This project started on 1 June 2010 to 28 February 2011.

We are proud to announce that during the implementation of this project 33 local people got job opportunities.

Some of them were adults, while others were female and young people.

Our million thanks go to Eskom, our giant electricity utility.

On the same vain, we can not forget the contractor, VEEZ MICRO ENTERPRISES for the good work done.

May our partnership grow from strength to strength.

I THANK YOU!!