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### INTERNET ARTICLE

#### **About 6 000 jobs to be created through the SRSS**

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*Although this will happen in stages, the Sedibeng Regional Sewer Scheme (SRSS) is estimated to create about 6 000 employment opportunities for the residents living under the Sedibeng District Municipality in Gauteng.*

*This was revealed by the Department of Water and Sanitation Minister Nomvula Mokonyane when she addressed residents of Sebokeng and the surrounding areas during a community engagement regarding the project, at Sebokeng Zone 14 on Tuesday, 12 May 2015.*

*Much to the community's relief, Minister Mokonyane said that this Mega Project which is one of the biggest of its kind in the country, stands to benefit and empower local residents during the period of its construction.*

*The 6 000 will include both sub-contractors and employees of day-to-day operations.*

*Minister also highlighted that the initiative will play a huge role in youth empowerment as she promised to ensure that Rand water which is the water board handling the project, employs the local youth who are qualified in the relevant fields as a way to give them work experience.*

*Sebokeng residents shared their concerns with the Minister about the processes involved in the hiring of local community members to which the Minister assured them that this venture is equally for everyone and therefore transparency was very important. "The Department will not tolerate any preferential treatment that aims to benefit individuals; everyone should be given a chance," the Minister averred.*

*Minister Mokonyane promised to engage with the local mayor and Randwater management to ensure that the processes involved in the hiring processes of locals is not such that oppresses others and benefits the chosen few.*

*Morena Maleme, an unemployed youth from Vereeniging and is qualified in Chemical engineering. He expressed his satisfaction with the promise by the*



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*Minister to empower the youth through this project. “There is finally hope for the youth and I hope the people involved will heed the Minister’s advice and not be corrupt,” Maleme added.*

*Minister Mokonyane reminded residents that the project is for a certain period of time and that community members should be ready to stand back when the project comes to an end because the opportunities awarded to them with regard to employment will also come to an end.*

*“And I hope this project will have afforded you with a chance to be employable going forward.”*

*The Sedibeng Regional Sewer Scheme is expected to be completed after three years and about 1 000 000 people around the Gauteng Province are expected to benefit from it.*

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