

Launch of the Makwane Integrated Energy Centre (IEC)



The Sasol Integrated Energy Centre was officially launched on Saturday the 25th January 2014 in Makwane Village, Phuthaditjhaba. This Integrated Energy Centre (IEC) said to be worth R10, 5 million is the seventh centre to be erected across the country since 2002, all this was made possible through the partnering of the Department of Energy, Sasol and Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality and Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality.

The Centre will deliver energy essentials such as petrol, diesel, lubricants and LP Gas, apart from that, this Energy Centre includes a convenient bakery store, electricity outlet, computer centre, library (Information hub) and ATM facilities, this is how the centre will provide employment opportunities, reduce poverty and ultimately empower the community of Makwane and make it more sustainable.

According to officials 60 temporary jobs were created during the construction stage and 13 permanent positions have been created, and “What is more exciting is that members of the community themselves are the ones who will be responsible for monitoring the safety of the centre, since it will be run by cooperatives within the local municipality “said the Chairman of Portfolio Committee of Energy Mr Sizani Njikelana.

“This project will not only benefit its beneficiaries but it becomes one of the achievements of the priorities of the integrated development plans of the district & local municipalities of developing local economy and ensuring that the leak is plugged and that money circulates within the community for the benefit of the community, said the District Mayor Dr Balekile Mzangwa”.