

Kgosi Pilane: A leader with a Vision

Rustenburg/ Moruleng – In about ten years from now, the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela people in Moruleng, under the leadership of Kgosi Nyalala Pilane, are confident that they would have completed the construction of a state of the art shopping-centre big enough to cater for a diversity of needs. Such is the determination of Kgosi Pilane to oversee the completion of this ambitious project that he has resolved to forge ahead with the plans – with or without the assistance of the government or any potential investors. This is part of the vision of Kgosi Pilane who, against all odds, led the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela in harnessing resources towards the successful construction of the Moruleng Stadium which was used as a training venue during the 2010

FIFA World Cup. He has continued with the fighting spirit of his people, who in 2006 won a 10-year battle with a major international mining company for the equitable division of the mineral resources in the area.

Local and international journalists were afforded the rare opportunity of rubbing shoulders Kgosi Pilane in Moruleng during a two day familiarisation tour organized by the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Traditional Administration (BBKTA) from August 2 to 3.

The BBKTA continues to be a valuable partner in the efforts to combat poverty, create employment opportunities and promote equitable economic development in North West Province. Under the leadership of Kgosi Nyalala

Pilane, the BBKTA has launched a number of fresh initiatives in the past year to expand its involvement in the three key drivers of the provincial economy.

The media was informed that in these projects, the BBKTA works closely with government in national, provincial and local spheres to ensure that communities in the Moruleng district benefit from investments.

The BBKTA has invested more than R1.5 billion towards infrastructure, administration blocks as well as the construction and upkeep of Moruleng Stadium while the Bojanala District Municipality has assisted in building a water reservoir which will form part of a water pumping system that will be used for agricultural projects and to supplement water supplies in the area.

"We are committed to development in the region. The dividends we receive from our investments are ploughed back into community-based projects that will generate more opportunities for people on the ground," said Kgosi Pilane.

Journalists were also taken to the BBKTA auditorium, heritage sites and were treated to a game drive and dinner at the Mphebotho Museum.



Kgosi Nyalala Pilane from Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela

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