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DWS and LHDA brief prospective participants on Phase II of the LHWP.

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Speaking on behalf of the Director-General of the DWS, Ms Lindiwe Lusenga, the Deputy Director-General in the DWS responsible for International Water Cooperation, delivered the DG's remarks, with an emphasis on the equal participation of the BaSotho and South African contractors.

The DG's remarks included, "The Project is committed to enhance the use of Black entrepreneurs, individual experts and smaller companies. Smaller and Bigger entities are encouraged to join forces with one another to form a competent and financially efficient grouping. To this end, the two governments have agreed on the equitable sharing of contracts to be awarded. There are in excess of 90 contracts from now until 2025.

"The South African consultants and contractors will share on a 50:50 basis in all the Advance Infrastructure works, and on a minimum of 50% in the Polihali Dam and Tunnel contracts. In all of these contracts, Black participation, women, youth and disabled persons are guaranteed a 20% share of the South African portion. To date, up to Sixteen Consultancy Contracts have been awarded and are in force, with Six contracts in evaluation and approval stages, and two contracts are at the bidding stage. Details of the future contracts will be covered in detail by the LHDA presentation," DDG Lusenga presented on behalf of the Director-General.

The Chief Delegate for RSA on the LHW Commission, Mr. Bheki Nkosi, reiterated the need to locate the LHWP within the strategic direction as per the National Development Plan. He also indicated the need to ensure that the project must not leave the Lesotho nationals more disadvantaged than if the project had not happened. It was also important to utilize the opportunity of the briefing session to network and find one another, in order to empower one another.

Part of the session includes information on lessons learnt from Phase I, the scope of Phase II, progress to date as well as the outlook towards the future.

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