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**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

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**Media Statement**

**20 April 2021**

**Ramotshere Moiloa is ready for reopening of the testing station**

Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality will on Monday 26 April 2021 officially open the Zeerust Driving Licensing Testing Centre (DLTC). The DLTC which is located at Henryville was gutted down by fire during the community protests during March 2017. The operating hours for the station will be from 08H00 until 14H00 Mondays to Fridays.

The municipality has worked tirelessly to ensure the replacement of all the valuables viz, e-Natis equipment, computers, files, furniture, etc. which were lost through fire.

According to the Acting Municipal Manager, Ernest Mangope; the traffic examiners will concentrate mostly on the renewal of driving licenses and Professional Driving Permits (PDP) “We are striving to curb the backlog which occurred during the hard lockdown which was implemented on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020. There was a government gazette issued on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 giving the motorists whose licenses and permits expired during that period an extension until 31st August 2021. Only those licenses which expired between 26 March 2020 and 31 December 2020 are liable for the extension and will be prioritized.

All covid-19 protocols will be enforced and adhered to. The office will only be servicing 40 people per day to alleviate the pressure and possibility of contracting covid-19. Only a limited number of people will be allowed to enter the building for required services.

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