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MEDIA RELEASE

The Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Councilor Amos Masondo, officially opened the multi million rand phase three of the upgrading of Koma Road on 16 June 2009 at Koma Road and Makapane Street in Mapetla.

About 15 years ago, the entire Koma Road was identified as an arterial route that needed upgrading. The upgrade was divided into three phases which have cost the city R67,45m. The first phase; from Dobsonville township to the intersection of Koma and Bendile Roads in Jabulani, was upgraded about 11 years ago by the then Soweto City Council.

Phase two, from the intersection of Koma and Bendile to Merafe-Nhlanzane railway bridge in Moletsane, was constructed from February 2005 and the project was completed in August 2006.

This phase of the upgrading of Koma Road starts at Ramoruwe Street, 140,0m south of the Merafe-Nhlazane Railway Bridge and ends just to the north of Bendile Street, a distance of approximately 2,6km, where it ties into the section of the roadway previously upgraded in 1997.

Phase three, from Merafe-Nhlanzane railway bridge to the intersection of Koma Road and Chris Hani Road, which is the final phase for the upgrading of Koma Road construction commenced in January 2008 and completed on June 2009 by a joint venture contract between Aganang Bohle and Lonerock.

This phase is situated within the Soweto areas of Molapo, Mapetla, Senaoane, Moroka and Dhlamini, commencing at Kekana Street, approximately 140,0m south of the road over rail bridge and ending at Chris Hani Road, a distance of approximately 2,60 Km. It has four lanes, two in either direction, for its full length from the intersection of Elias Motsoaledi Road to the intersection of Chris Hani Road.

The full scope of works for this contract included the following:

- Upgrading of Koma Road from a single surfaced carriageway to a dual carriageway
- New kerbing and paved sidewalks throughout
- Upgrade of existing / new stormwater system
- Relocation of services



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- Street lighting and traffic signals
- Landscaping

The key, positive impacts are as follows:

- Reduced levels of dust due to the paving of the sidewalks.
- Improvement in the quality of the environment due to the upgrade.
- Reduced traffic congestion.
- Improved traffic and pedestrian safety.
- Improved street lighting (with potentially positive impacts on local security).
- Improved storm water infrastructure.

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