



## **MEDIA ARTICLE**

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### **RESIDENTS OF SWEETHOME EXTENSION NOW HAVE ELECTRICITY**

The residents of Sweethome (Sebotlane) extension have had joy of switching on electricity for the first time, thanks to Eskom and Blouberg Municipality's focused programme to light out darkness as part of delivering basic services to its citizenry. 30 families will join the rest of the Sweethome village in enjoying the basic services that Blouberg Municipality has been dishing out at a pace untold. The municipality has electrified 100% of its settlements and is currently focusing on extensions.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 residents of Sweethome and the surrounding gathered to celebrate the switching-on of the project. The old and young told stories aplenty about the good that electricity would bring into their lives such like operating small businesses that requires refrigeration among others.

Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Infrastructure Development Cllr Donald Ratladi said the municipality in partnership with Eskom recently switched on electricity projects at Raweshi; Werden, Mosehleng, Thorpe, De Vrede and Ga-Makgato amongst others extensions.

Cllr Ratladi made a call to residents to report criminal activities such as cable theft in their areas. He advised residents to buy electricity and warned against tempering with electricity meter boxes (bridging) as offenders risk their electricity being disconnected and face a fine of R5000,00

The symbolic electricity switch-on took place at the destitute home of Pelma Mafala. The municipality also donated an electricity kettle, stove and iron to the family as a start up.

The 2014/2015 Financial year will see the residents of Arrie, Sias, Simpson, Grootpan, Berseba (Motadi), Gideon, Mongalo, Diepsloot, Silvermyn, Thalane, Indermark, Kobe, Madibeng, Sesalong, Bogna Farm, Vergelegen, Ditatsu, Wegdraai, Machoana, Matoana, Lethaleng, Papegaai, Bergendaal, Molemoleka, Towerfontein and Bosehla join the residents of Sweethome in celebrations of the same cause

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