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N12 reseals done and dusted

Northern Cape, 28 July 2021 – Yet another road construction project in the Northern Cape has been completed to excellent standards. The reseal of the N12, section 6 was completed in just over one year, with a significant economic boost to the local community.

The works was divided into two contracts, one from Victoria West to Rietpoort, and the other from Rietpoort to Vosburg.

"We started this project in June last year, while South Africa was still coming to terms with Level 4 lockdown. Establishing a Project Liaison Committee during this time, was one of the key challenges we experienced. We also had to contend with a surfacing stone shortage, as the supplier closed their operations for two months as a result of COVID-19," said Mari Erwee, SANRAL Project Manager.

Actophambili Roads was the main contractor on both these contracts, with a combined project value of R164 million. Through the two contracts, they had appointed 21 subcontractors as part of the targeted enterprise commitments of the project.

Furthermore, 339 labour opportunities were created for the local communities of Victoria West, Rietpoort, Vosburg and surrounds. These included 156 women and nearly 200 youth.

The scope of works included texture slurry, a new surfacing seal, new road markings, reflective road studs, signage, the fixing of culvert inlets and outlets, building of gabions and extending sidewalks in the town of Victoria West.

"As infrastructure development continues to drive South Africa's economic recovery post COVID-19, SANRAL is proud to play a leading role in effecting change. Not only has the construction work injected much needed economic benefit into the region, but the new road surface significantly improves the driving experience and overall road safety," concluded Erwee.

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