



**To all Media
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Inaccurate information published on 039 lindaba

Emalahleni Local Municipality wishes to give clarity on the factually incorrect article which was published by 039 lindaba on its Facebook page regarding the bridge in Mkhaphusi village, ward 12.

- Building of bridges is a service which does not fall within our mandate as the local municipality but within the competency of the Department of Transport.
- As the municipality we are aware that the Department of Transport awarded a tender for the construction of the district road (DR) in Mkhaphusi as well as the consideration of what need to be done on the bridge. It is our understanding that the construction company was forced to abandon the site after misunderstanding with some local construction companies regarding sub-contracting.
- Members of the community are aware of what transpired and as such it remains our aim as the municipality to resolve the matter in conjunction with the Department of Transport.

We wish to appeal for fairness and balance in publishing stories rather than hastily seeking to tarnish the municipality as this reduces such articles to gossip columns.

Emalahleni Local Municipality will always thrive to offer services to the communities Emalahleni in a humane, professional and efficient manner.

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