



EMAKHAZENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



ONE MORE LEGACY PROJECT BY EMAKHAZENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

BELFAST ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE



One of the first projects conceptualized by the visionary leader Hon. Cllr. T.D. Ngwenya when assuming office is the Belfast Enterprise Development Centre (BEDC) that will assist the SMMEs in the development of their businesses, on the 28th of February 2018 saw the grand opening of the Centre that was funded by the local EXXARO mine after acceding to the request of the Hon. Executive Mayor to build the centre.

The centre has currently accepted 17 SMMEs as the first phase of the project. The 17 SMMEs will be assisted in the business skills to ensure they can run sustainable businesses. To further assist the SMMEs the municipality through the decisive leadership of the Hon. Exec Mayor established a contractor development programme, where 17 SMMEs were developed from CIDB grade 1 and now moving to CIDB grade 3 in the current financial year. Some of the SMMEs have subcontracts valued over a million. The Executive Mayor has been personally monitoring the programme and ensuring that 30% of all procurement is subcontracted.

The Executive Mayor has been encouraging all mines and industries to follow suit in the implementation of the 30% subcontracting in developing the Local economy.