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**RE: GOUDA ROAD – DR 1161**

I was born in the town of Moorreesburg, Dirkie Uys class of 1987. After my studies in Stellenbosch, I bought the family business Fanie Visser Vervoer, today known as Tip Trans – [www.tiptrans.co.za](http://www.tiptrans.co.za).

We recently purchased the Lime Sales (Bridgetown) quarry outside Moorreesburg on the Gouda Rd (DR 1161). This road is only partially tarred – from the N7 up to the turn-off to Bridgetown.

While manufacturing lime at the mine over the December school holidays, I noticed on quite a few occasions Gauteng-registered cars driving the tar road up to where they encounter the dirt road, only to stop and check on their GPS, and then turn around to follow the tarred route back via Riebeeck West.

Enquiring about this road at the West Coast District Municipality and many of the locals, I came across several versions regarding the upgrading efforts of this road. Kobus Visser (ERO Engineers), who referred me to you, also confirmed that the road had already been discussed on several occasions. The farming community on that road has also long been seeking support for the tarring of the remainder of the road.

The Moorreesburg Business Chamber supports the completion of the tarring of the remainder of the road. This will mean a big, much-needed economic injection for our town Moorreesburg through the potentially higher traffic flow, as well as offering a shorter, safer and additional beautiful tourism route.

Last year a 56,000 tons gravel upgrade was done on this road (DR1161) by the WCDM, which prepared large sections closer to "the right heights and widths" (if I may call it that) for tarring. Kobus Visser confirms that he designed the current tarred section at the time for the supply of stone to Saldanha Steel in the late 80's, and has a copy on record. The stone then used for that road was supplied from the Lime Sales Bridgetown stone quarry. With a quarry on the road, there will be significant transport savings on the project cost.

I would like to ask your advice and guidance, and hopefully support, in having the tarring of the remainder of this road completed.

Many thanks in advance.

Regards

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