

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE INSPECTS PROJECT PROGRESS

On 17th January 2025, the Chief Executive Officer of the Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA), Mr. TenteTente, visited the Muela branch to assess progress on the corrosion protection and tunnel rehabilitation project, scheduled for completion by 31st March 2025.

The purpose of the visit was to evaluate the practical challenges encountered during the execution of various works and to conduct a mid-term review. This evaluation aims to ensure accurate planning and resource allocation, should any deviations in timeline or budget arise. Mr. Tente emphasized that staying informed on project progress supports strategic decision-making and aligns operational outcomes with tactical goals.

The inspection, which lasted most of the day, began at the Muela Hydropower Station and continued through the Muela Bypass, Muela Ridge, Muela Penstock, and Hololo under-river crossing. These stops allowed the CEO to assess progress on blasting and painting tasks.

Speaking about the project, Mr. Tente highlighted its critical role in ensuring sustainable and equitable benefits for all parties to the treaty.

"While it is physically demanding, this exercise is vital not only for learning but for maintaining the integrity of the project," he said.

