



Progress Update on Polihali Transfer Tunnel Construction



The Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP) is pleased to share progress on the construction of Phase II, with particular focus on the Polihali Transfer Tunnel. This critical component of the project is steadily advancing and marks an exciting stage in the overall development.

We are proud to announce that the contractor has commenced the assembly of the second Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), which will bore the transfer tunnel from the Polihali side to Katse. The TBM, which arrived in Lesotho in August this year, is undergoing assembly and is expected to be fully set up by the first quarter of 2026. Once the assembly is complete, the TBM will be officially launched to begin excavation.

This milestone underscores the dedication and progress being made to ensure the successful delivery of Phase II, which is designed to enhance water transfer and energy generation for both Lesotho and South Africa.

Stay tuned for more updates as the project reaches new heights.