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# Dipaleseng News



**“Centre of quality, affordable service,  
good governance and  
sustainable economic opportunities”**



## **MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S FOREWORD.....**

Even amidst the vast array of challenges faced, the municipality continues to strive for success through different areas.

The calendar that is coming to an end was full of encounters that could have dealt the institution negative consequences should we all remained fastidious and incorrigible in dealing with matters, particularly internally.

The constant inclination to engagements with various stakeholders clearly depicted the institution's level of optimism which is both honorary and reflective of its non-stoic nature.

It is also pleasing to note the removal of the Dipaleseng Local Municipality from the list of dysfunctional municipalities by the National Department of Co-operative Governance & Traditional Affairs as this is indicative of the positive fruits of our concentrated efforts.

During the period under review, the institution successfully conducted ward consultations meeting which allowed it to ascertain community needs in line with the IDP review process which is currently underway.

Broadly speaking, Dipaleseng Local Municipality as a maturing organization, her overarching aims include among others the following:

- Attain and maintain a clean audit status;
- Be the center of excellence in service delivery;
- Find new challenges and tactics to overcome them;
- Shake complacency within its structures; □ Invigorate stakeholders; and
- Move to the next level of development phase & higher levels of performance.

Therefore, the rationale behind a municipal strategic planning is to prepare the institution to cope with the demands of the changing environment on a short to medium term basis. An exercise that the institution will embark on very early at the beginning of the upcoming year.

The municipality together with the Department of Human Settlements was able to incrementally over three years bring to finalization a total of 1200 housing units



**MR. LWAZI CINDI  
MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

in Ridgeview. The units have been officially handed over to their rightful owners. While some title deeds have already been handed over, the process of is still on-going.

We continue to have fruitful bi-laterals with Eskom and the Netherlands on the Just Transition and its impact on the various aspects of the local economy,

Similarly worth noting is the formalization of nine informal settlements throughout the jurisdiction. This project really gained momentum during this quarter and will benefit over a thousand households with an anticipated duration of two and a half years from now.

The successful conclusion of the audit by the Auditor General without any significant challenges as well as the ability of the oversight committees namely MPAC, Section 106 Ad Hoc and APC to exercise their roles and responsibilities is more than satisfactory.

Correspondingly, we are looking forward to the tabling of the 2022/23 Draft Annual Report as well as the draft 2022/23 Auditor General management report due for tabling at the next Ordinary Council meeting in January 2024, which will bring about our unswerving performance and efforts in clear viewpoint not only for us but for all.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to wish all residents of Dipaleseng Local Municipality a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year!!

## A WORD FROM THE TOP



### THE HONOURABLE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF DIPALESENG MUNICIPALITY, CLLR K.B. MOEKETSI CALLS FOR

**"16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM FOR  
ACCELERATING ACTIONS TO  
END GENDER BASED  
VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE  
(GBVF), LEAVING NO ONE  
BEHIND".**

**ACCELERATED ACTIVISM  
BETWEEN 26 NOV 2023 - 10  
DEC 2023 TO RAISE  
AWARENESS ABOUT THE  
DEVASTATING IMPACT OF  
GBVF IT HAS ON WOMEN,  
CHILDREN AND THE ENTIRE  
SOCIAL FABRIC**



DIPALESENG  
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

**THE HONOURABLE EXECUTIVE  
MAYOR, HER WORSHIP, CLLR  
K.B. MOEKETSI TOGETHER  
WITH THE DIPALESENG  
COUNCIL AND  
ADMINISTRATION WISHES YOU  
A GLORIOUS AND WONDERFUL  
FESTIVE SEASON.**

**MAY THIS BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY  
SEASON FILL YOUR HEART  
WITH LOVE, YOUR HOME WITH  
JOY AND YOUR LIFE WITH  
LAUGHTER.**



**Happy Holidays**





**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
*"Stronger Together"*

*In Reversing The Inhumane Effects Of The Native Land Act Of 1913 That Deprived Our People Of Land Ownership And In The Fulfillment And Restoration Of Rights, Dignity And Self-esteem; Sense Of Belonging Stability, The Honorable Executive Mayor, Her Worship, Cllr K. B. Moeketsi, Is Issuing Title Deeds To Ridgeview Beneficiaries In Accordance To The Schedule Below.*

Date: Monday, 13 Nov 2023  
Time: 13h00  
Venue: Ridgeview (construction Site)

A total of fifty five (55) residents' security of tenure was reassured in Ridgeview, Siyathemba on Monday, 13th November 2023.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr. Khethiwe Moeketsi, together with the Chief Whip, Cllr. Tryphina Shabalala, MMC Cllr. Mojalefa Miya, Ward Councilor, Cllr. Zabilon Radebe handed over title

deeds to over fifty (50) beneficiaries who were elated to be in possession of this ever important document.

There are many more who are still eagerly awaiting the same, though they may need to exercise some patience, the municipality will continue to ensure they receive them stated the Executive Mayor.







MEC for Human Settlements, **Mr SK Mashilo**, together with the Executive Mayor of Dipaleseng Local Municipality, **Cllr. BK Moeketsi** will handover title deeds to government subsidized housing beneficiaries at an event scheduled as follows:

- 08<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023 (FRIDAY)**
- RIDGEVIEW, SIYATHEMBA TOWNSHIP (DIPALESENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY)**
- 09H00 AM**



Another title Deeds handover ceremony was hosted in Ridgeview in Siyathemba during this quarter.

More than seventy residents of Ridgeview were elated to be in receipt of title deeds documents for their properties in the area.

Local leadership led by Cllr. Khethiwe Moeketsi, Executive Mayor carried over the program of handing over these documents on behalf of the Honourable SK Mashilo, MEC of Human Settlements in Mpuma-



langa as he was no longer able to attend the event.

This was the second round of title deeds that are handed out to this community, bringing the total number to over one hundred and twenty to date.

Executive Mayor, shared appreciation to numerous efforts by the Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Human Settlements



including the construction of housing units such as in Ridgeview as well as project of formalizing informal settlements within the jurisdiction of Siyathemba.



# TAKING A STAND



Gender Based Violence & Femicide continues to be a growing scourge in our country with more and more women and children becoming victims to endless abuse and in some cases murder.

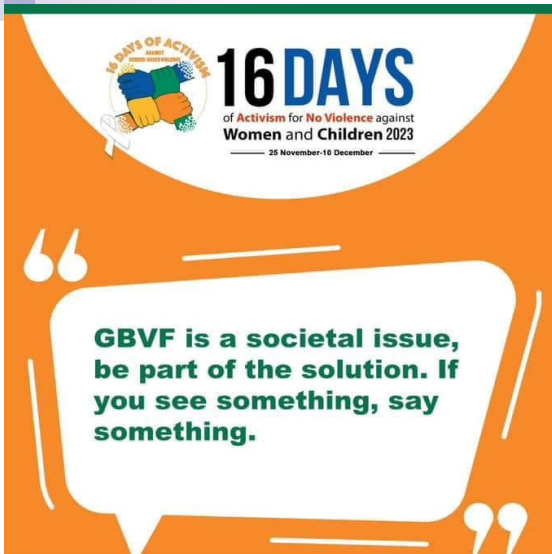
Dipaleseng Local Municipality, Gert Sibande District Municipality together with a vast array of local stakeholders including Department of Social Development, Department of Health, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development as well as Gert Sibande College - Balfour Campus took active part in leading a campaign raising awareness on Gender Based Violence & Femicide.

The program started off with a walkabout in Siyathemba to educate the local community on the issue, noting that this is a societal issue that requires active involvement from all.

The 25th November sees the commencement of 16 days of activism for No Violence against Women and Children, take a stand and don't be part of the problem.







# NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE HANDED OVER

Monday, 27th November 2023 is a day of jubilation as the Development Bank of South Africa formally hands over the completed state of the art building of a health centre to the Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Health constructed for the benefit of Dipaleseng Local Municipality community.

The handover marks another milestone in the progress of the project, making the long-awaited commissioning of the centre a near-by reality.

As a testament to this, the Emergency and Forensic Pathology Services are already operating from this centre.

Community members will no longer access any services from both Siyathemba and Balfour town clinics as all healthcare services



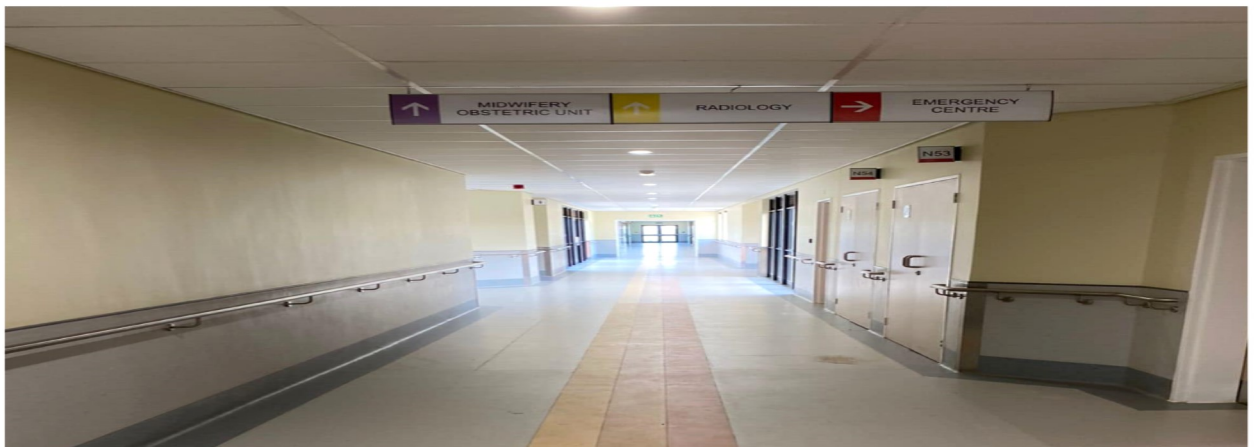
## Community Services &

will be rendered from this centre, costing about R332 million as of Friday, the 1st December 2023.

The centre which cost the National Department of Health R332 million, reached practical completion on 31st August 2023 and started back in November 2019.

The 10,420m<sup>2</sup> health facility comprising a 7,800m<sup>2</sup> main community health care centre, 158m<sup>2</sup> pregnant mothers lodge, 17m security and gate house, 537m<sup>2</sup> Emergency Medical Services (EMS), 753m<sup>2</sup> Forensic mortuary and an outdoor play area, courtyard and administration block.

On behalf of the Municipality, the Speaker of Council, Cllr. Xolani Shozi extended a word of appreciation to DBSA on this momentous occasion.



# BALFOUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE FINALLY OPERATIONAL

The first day of operation at the Balfour Community Health Centre was marked by a visit by Speaker of Council, Cllr. Xolani Shozi as well as Department of Health, District Director, Sister Nanana for monitoring purposes.



They engaged with staff as well as community members who were there to receive health care services from the magnificent new facility.

The community is reminded that both Siyathemba and Balfour Town Clinics will no longer be



rendering health care services as these will from today onward be available from the Balfour CHC with extended services.



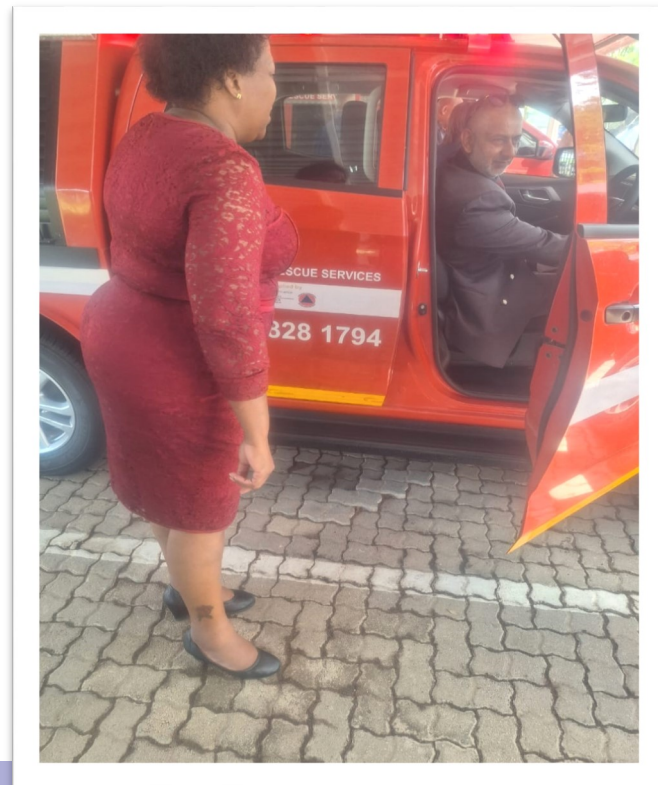
# DLM RECIEVES NEW FIRE TRUCK



The Premier of Mpumalanga, Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane arrived at the Provincial Disaster Management Centre to handover five state of the art fire fighting vehicles to local municipalities.

The fully equipped Double Cab Rapid Response firefighting vehicles were handed over the following municipalities ,Lekwa, Nkomazi, Chief Albert Luthuli, Dipaleseng and Thaba Chweu.

The province is prone to veld fires, with the potential to endanger human lives, live stock as well as natural vegetation.



The fire-fighting vehicles will improve the capacity of the Municipalities to save lives through rapid response.



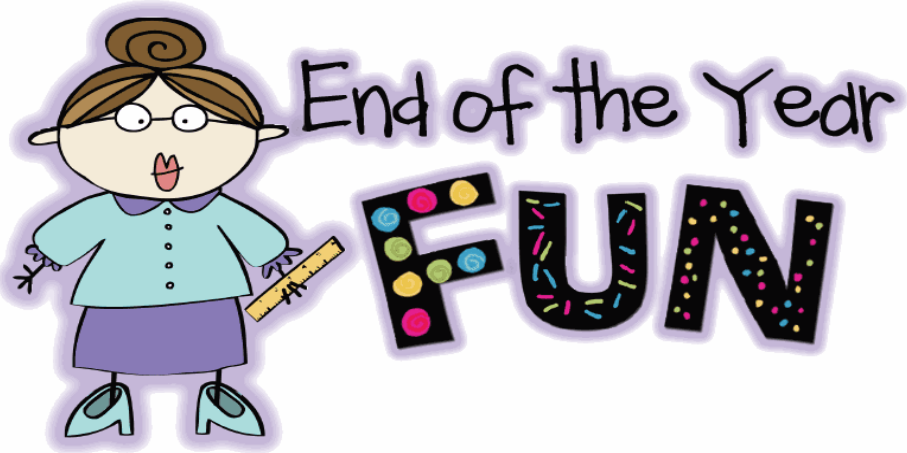


MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), Mr. Mandla Msibi was amongst those present at this event.

At the last Ordinary Council sitting of Dipaleseng Local Municipality for the 2023 calendar year held at Dipaleseng Local Municipality Council Chambers, the Fire fighting vehicle was officially presented to councilors.

Administration also took the opportunity to present all new vehicles that the institution has acquired in response to service delivery demands.





Dipaleseng Local Municipality's year end function currently underway.

The event is aimed at appreciating the collective efforts of all internal stakeholders throughout the calendar year.

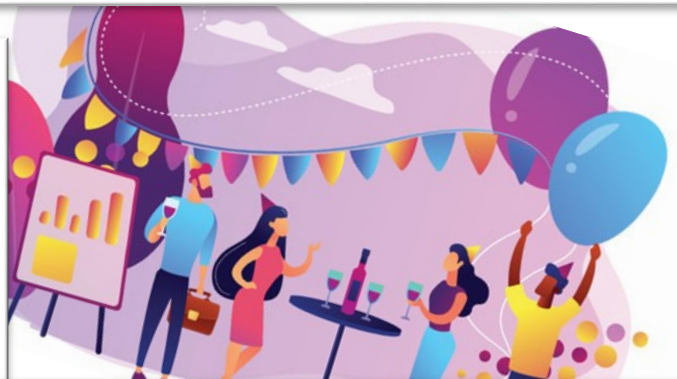
This is at the background of challenges faced and overcome by the institution, including matters relating to labour relations and other institutional matters.

This current state of affairs signify the inner strength the institution possess which has brought it to this level.

Employees were wished blessed holidays, Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year by the Municipal Manager Mr. Lwazi Cindi in his address during the proceedings.











# GSDM HANDS OVER BOREHOLES



On Wednesday, 29th November 2023, Gert Sibande District Municipality was in Dipaleseng Local Municipality for the Borehole Handover Programme which started in Nthoroane, Ward 6.

The Boreholes were part of the Infrastructure Support rendered by the district to the locality and were constructed to augment potable water supply to some areas.

The second phase of the Borehole Handover Programme by Gert Sibande District Municipality was in Ridgeview Siyathemba, with the delegation led by Executive Mayor Cllr Walter Mngomezulu joined by the Executive Mayor Cllr



Khethiwe Moeketsi, the Speaker of Dipaleseng Cllr Xolani Shozi, Councillors, members of the community, technical teams and officials observed the commissioning of the borehole. Leaders even had sips of water from the said bore hole to demonstrate how potable the water is.

District Executive Mayor Cllr Walter Mngomezulu took the opportunity to conduct an oversight visit at the Fortuna Water Treatment Works (WTW) in Balfour.

The project was reported to be 99.6% complete and the leaders were impressed with the progress made at the plant which will improve bulk water supply in the area.



# CAPITAL PROJECT LIST 2022/23

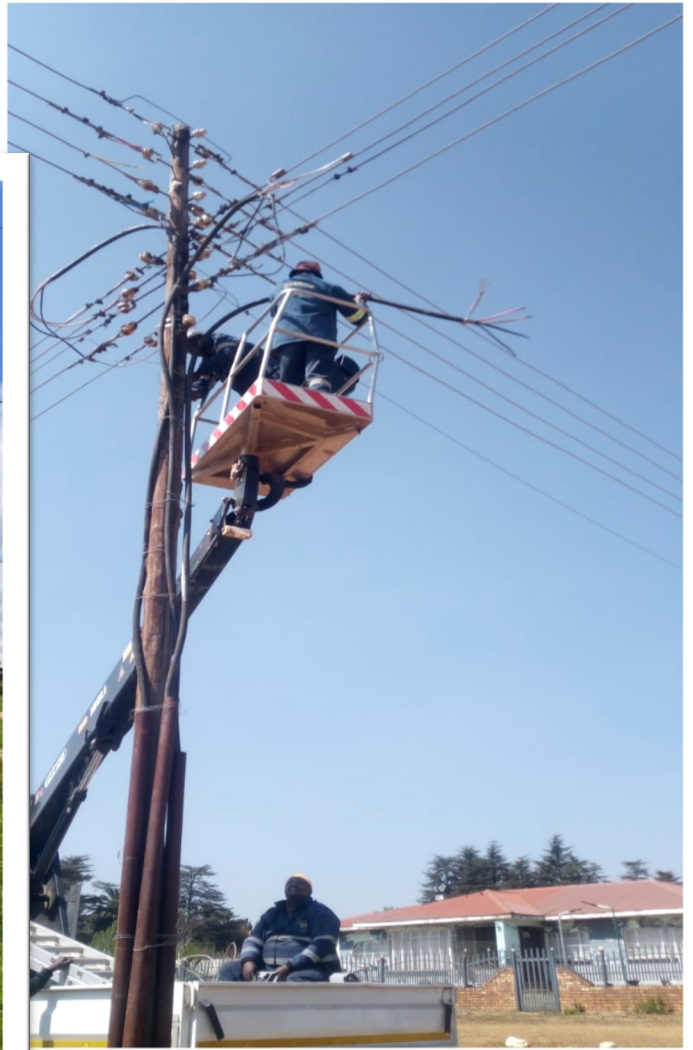
#	Project name	Project Budget Amount	Expenditure to date	Project Status	Challenges	Implementing Agent
1	Construction of 10MVA Balfour Sub-station – Phase 3	R 0 m	R 0 m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 99%)	Awaiting Eskom to connect Electricity	DLM
2	Electrification of 1 200 Households (HH) in Ridgeview – Phase 2	R 5 m	R 2.2 m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 95%)	None	DLM
3	Upgrading of Fortuna Water Treatment Works (From a 6.5 MI/day to 19.5 MI/day)	R122,6m	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 96%)	None	GSDM
4	Upgrading of TVET College	R 142m	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 97%)	Unreleased retentions of other sub-contractors	DHET
5	Balfour Community Health Centre	R299m	TBA	Construction stage: Complete	Availability of water for testing the equipment's in the facility.	DoH
6	Construction of Multi-purpose hall and childcare Centre in Dipaleseng L.M.	R 20.6m	TBA	Construction stage: (Physical progress 35%)	Very slow progress	DHS
7	Balfour/ Siyathemba/ Grelingstad/ Nthorwane Regional Bulk Water Supply – Phase 3	TBA	TBA	Construction stage: Completed	Some Works cannot be implemented due to Sizanani Land agreement.	GSDM
8	Construction of 802 m long Dluldu Street in Siyathemba Ward 1	R 14m	R 14m	Construction stage: Completed	None	DLM
9	Upgrading of Siyathemba Sewer Pump Station	R 12,9m	R 11 661 926 ,15	Construction stage: (Physical progress 90%)	None	DLM
10	Siyathemba/ Grelingstad/ Nthorwane Regional Bulk Water Supply – Phase 4	R166m	R111m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 88%)	Land issues	GSDM
11	Appointment of a Contractor for the Construction of 2 X 4km Feeder Lines to Ridgeview.	R40m	R8.4m	Construction stage: (Physical progress 85%)	N/A	DLM
12	Appointment of Professional Service Providers to restore the damaged Roads through Floods in Dipaleseng LM	R5.75m	R	New Project	N/A	DLM

	Condi-tional Grant	Job op-portunities created	Consultant	Date Ap-pointed	Contractor	Date Ap-pointed	Appoint-ment amount	Target Dates
	INEP	19	F&A Consult-ing	16-Oct-2015	Kgoshi Elec-trical	10 April 2019	R34m	Start Date: 10/04/2019 Completion: 30/11/2022
	INEP	10	Melokuhle Management	12-Nov-2019	Kgoshi Elec-trical	03 Feb 2021	R27.98	Start Date: 03/05/2021 Completion: 03/05/2022
	DWS	36	Vumesa	18-June-2018	Avax SA	20/03/2019	R 102.8 m	Start Date: 20/03/2019 Completion: 16/10/2023
	DHET	186	MSW and Consulting Engineers	N/A	Shomang Construction	N/A	R142m	Start Date: 01/08/2019 Completion: TBA
	DoH	205	TBA	TBA	ENZA Con-struction	TBA	TBA	Start Date: 07/11/2019 Completion: 30/09/2023
	DHS	25	NATHOO MBENYANE ENGINEERS	TBA	TSSN	07 May 2019	R20.6m	Start Date: 24/06/2019 Completion: 31/01/2020
	RBIG	20	Vumesa	TBA	MPFUME-LELO Busi-ness Enter-prise	17 Dec 2019	R 199m	Start Date: 13 Jan 2020 Completion: 31/10/2022
	MIG	20	Zenkcon En-gineers	15-Jan-2022	Mpophoma Construction	21 Octo-ber 2022	R 9.5 m	Start Date: 21/10/2022 Completion: 15/08/2023
	MIG	17	Atiso Con-sulting	15-Jan-2022	VMT Civils	08-Nov-2022	R 9.9m	Start Date: 08/11/2022 Completion: 28/08/2023
	RBIG	20	Vumesa Con-sulting	18-June-2018	GPTN Trad-ing	15-Mar-2022	R166m	Start Date: 15/03/2022 Completion: 30 September 2023
	INEP	20	Melokuhle Management	15-Jan-2022	Euremaro Investment	27-Oct-2022	R27m	Start Date: 15/11/2022 Completion: 15 November 2023
	MDRG	new	N/A	N/A	N/A	08 Sept.2023	R	Start Date: 13/10/2023 Completion: 15 December 2023

# SERVICE DELIVERY









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