

Protech Khuthele wins sizable new contracts

Protech Khuthele, the JSE-listed fast-track bulk earthworks group, has been awarded six new contracts worth over R200 million with the most sizable being Protech Khuthele's share of the road- and layer-works on Johannesburg's Gillooly's Interchange upgrade, valued at R85 million.

The work in which Protech Khuthele will be involved is part of the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project whereby additional lanes are being added to various highways around Johannesburg.

Julian Dovey, Protech Khuthele's contracts director, says that the scope and nature of the contract is especially complex, given that the road- and layerworks involves a massive 400 000 cubic metres in semi-restricted conditions working between traffic. The scope of the work includes additional lanes to the N3 north of the Gillooly's interchange, approach fills to a new flyover bridge to be constructed in the interchange and additional lanes on the N12 east of Gillooly's as far as the Rietfontein interchange.

"Those who are familiar with the Gillooly's Interchange will appreciate the huge 24/7 traffic volumes that the road carries," says Dovey. "This project does present a challenge in ensuring that there is as minimal disruption for the users of the road while we are working on the additional lanes. We believe we will ably meet this challenge and complete the project ahead of time as a result of our plant policies and track record in projects such as this."

Dovey says the company will also have strict safety procedures in place to ensure there are no incidents during the project. "We provide our staff with indepth safety training and we have stringent policies, procedures and processes to ensure we maintain our exemplary 17-year safety record."

Protech Khuthele is sub-contracted to the CMC/G4 joint-venture working on the Gillooly's Interchange.

Chris Porter, Commercial director for Protech Khuthele, says in addition to the Gillooly's contract, Protech Khuthele has also been awarded contracts for:

Lebone 2 College for the Royal Bafokeng for R25,6 million. Protech Khuthele will provide 150 000m² of site clearance, 150 000m³ Cut to Fill in preparation of the earthworks terraces and platforms, and construct various roads and services. Work on this project will commence early September.

Sasol Secunda for R13,3 million as a subcontractor Work will entail 10 000m³ earthworks, thereafter restricted backfilling and road works. This project started mid-August.

Sitzkop Kenney's Vale for R54,9 million. Protech Khuthele will excavate 130 000m³ to stockpile, screening and filling of 150 000m³, and all perimeter fencing. Work commenced early September.

Corporate Place for R1.5 million. Protech Khuthele will excavate 6 000m³ in a very restricted basement excavation.

Wolwekrans for R16 million. Protech Khuthele will prepare a 40 000m³ earthworks platform, thereafter earthworks minors and finishing off with the road works. The project commenced mid-August.

Konti Meadowdale for R18,2 million. Protech Khuthele will provide bulk earthworks, install the bulk services, roads and parking for at least two separate phases. Work to commence early September.

Porter attributes the company's wins to the group's policy of delivering high quality, hassle-free service to their clients. "We aim to exceed expectations; this together with our track record is a critical ingredient in the success of our group."

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