



**ADDRESS BY THE SEDIBENG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY EXECUTIVE
MAYOR, COUNCILLOR MAHOLE SIMON MOFOKENG, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE GAUTENG MARCH TOWARDS A CLEANER
ENVIRONMENT MINI LAUNCH**

21 February 2009.

Ladies and gentlemen, we went to Sicelo Informal Settlement, Lakeside Estates, Nelsonia in Midvaal; Evaton West, Beverly Hills, Sonderwater, taxi ranks and hostels in Emfuleni in the Sedibeng District, which is located on the far-south of Gauteng Province, and were pleasantly surprised by the friendly and efficient service we experienced from both the Sedibeng District, its Local Municipalities and our communities. Along the banks of the Vaal river, and clearly very tourist driven, we were met with smiles and people who really seemed to want to be part of our ***March Towards A Cleaner Environment Project.***

It is pleasures like these that should represent our country in the 2010 World Spectacle and all tourist contacts with any South African offering. This effort, Comrade MEC and fellow Mayors, should inspire the rest of South Africa.

I greet you all.

- Programme Director;
- Comrade Khabisi Mosunkutu, Member of the Provincial Legislature and Member of the Gauteng Provincial Government Executive Committee responsible for Agriculture, Conservation and Environment;
- Alderman Faith Matshikiza, the Executive Mayor's of the West Rand District Municipality;
- Councillor Gwen Ramokgopa, Executive Mayor of the Tshwane Metropolitan Council and fellow councillors;
- The community of the West Rand;
- Representatives of various media houses;
- Comrades, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen.

MEC Mosunkutu, the Campaign has been a great success in Sedibeng and I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Gauteng Provincial Government Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment, which took the time to work with us and our Local Municipalities on our planned activities during the whole week of the 14th to 20th February 2009.

Although the duration of the Campaign is over, we'd love to continue with the spirit which has since been inculcated. For us in Sedibeng, this campaign has taken us a few steps closer to realizing our dream of a Global Competitive City Region. We dare not fail on that mission. This is a window through which the World should look at us.

Alderman Matshikiza, we have set the foot-print and I wish the West Rand District Municipality well in their duration of the campaign.

I thank you.