



Speaking notes by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the visit of the Switzerland Ambassador: Mr. Rudolf Baerfuss on the 21 April 2010, at the Emerald Resort & Casino, Vanderbijlpark, in Sedibeng

The Ambassador: Mr Rudolf Baerfuss from the Switzerland Embassy;
Emfuleni Local Municipality, Executive Mayor, Cllr Assistance Mshudulu;
Madam Speaker – Sedibeng District Municipality- Cllr. Kedibone Mogotsi;
MMC for SRAC & H, Cllr. Mluleki Nkosi;
Mr. Yunus Chamda, Municipal Manager from Sedibeng District Municipality;
Mr Sam Shabalala - Municipal Manager from Emfuleni Local Municipality;
SRAC & H Executive Director-Ms Morongwe Mazibuko
Acting Executive Director. Mr Khulu Mbongo
SDM 2010 Offering- Mr Rudolph Netshivale
The Manager of the Emerald Casino Resort
Vice-Chancellor Moutlwane of VUT-
Corporate Affairs Manager VUT-Keddiemetse Mokotsi

On behalf of Sedibeng District Municipality, the community of Sedibeng and the entire country, we are very proud to receive you here today Ambassador Baerfuss. The people of Sedibeng have been waiting with baited breaths for this day.

Today marks the 50th Day before the kick-off of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. We are looking forward to provide a Base Camp, the nature of which will meet your every expectations. The training venue is ready and will certainly meet the strict expectations of your capable team.

Honourable Ambassador, I have no doubt that the Emerald Casino will provide your conquering football team with world class hospitality which they have come to be accustomed to and befitting of their stature. Our communities on the other hand, are waiting to provide the necessary support with their Vuvuzelas and smiles to make you feel at home away from home.

Our South African weather will certainly provide your team with balmy bright skies for your team to train under. To give you an inside information, the temperatures in this country, during the tournament, range from minimum of 12 degrees to 21 degrees in winter. You are the only team that has this information, use it to your advantage.

I hope and believe that as you go about inspecting these facilities, you will notice that we have gone the extra mile in meeting and exceeding your expectations.

I take this opportunity to welcome you and your delegation to enjoy the warm Sedibeng Experience. I know that the Director in my office will have already secured tickets for me to attend some of your matches as well as your team jersey so that I lead the community of Sedibeng in support of the Switzerland team.

I thank you