



Opening Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the Second Semi-Final held at the Saul Tsetetsi Public Viewing Area, on the 07th July 2010 in Sebokeng, Sedibeng

Programme Director:

MEC for SRAC, Ms Moerane

Our Guests, The Public Broadcaster, the SABC

People of Sedibeng

On behalf of Sedibeng District Municipality, the community of Sedibeng and the entire country, we are very proud and happy for the memorable World Cup to-date. It is clear to all and sundry that so far, our country has surpassed all the previous attendances at the event of this nature hosted in other continents.

We are very proud and have every reason to be proud. Our communities and country has gone against all matter of negative publicity to deliver a crime free and hassle free 2010 FIFA World Cup.

If the response from the fans from all over the world are anything to go by, we should be expecting ten times more visitors to this country as tourist than we had during this spectacle.

I wish to thank the community of Sedibeng for being gracious hosts to both Switzerland and Ivory Coast. It is as a result of the good work we did, that we will be seeing investments soon from Switzerland coming into our area. If this is not one of the legacies that will be left by the 2010 FIFA World Cup, I do not know.

We were also fortunate here in Sedibeng District Municipality, in that our youth and local coaches received intensive training from PS Edhoven from Netherlands, the country which is first to qualify for the final in our own country and continent.

MEC Moerane, I am sure that we stand ready to receive them at the Soccer City here in Gauteng this weekend for the final. Our communities on the other hand, are waiting to provide the necessary support with their Vuvuzelas, warmth and smiles to make this final a truly memorable one.

Programme Director, I take this opportunity to welcome all, who are here to take these events here and cherish them for their lifetime, for we may not be able to host the World Cup again soon. It is however pleasing to note that the State President, Honorable Jacob Zuma has thrown in the

challenge “Bring the Olympics Game home to Africa, South Africa is ready”

I thank you