



Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the Sedibeng Annual Air Show held on the 05th September 2010, in Vereeniging.

Programme Director:
Our Distinguished Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

I rise to bring greetings to this august occasion from **Sedibeng District Municipality**. This show is fast taking great significance in life of the community of Sedibeng. We have had the occasion to showcase the talents of pilots from previously disadvantaged communities. I hope, with the opening of opportunities to all our communities this trend will continue.

It is with the increased air travel which we witnessed during the hosting of the 2010 FIFA World Cup that we believe that this Airport, our airport here in Sedibeng, will grow in significance.

I know for a fact that the Sedibeng District Municipality is working hard on developing plans to make this airport a cargo handling depot. Upon completion, this will reduce the traffic at the OR Tambo Airport. To that

end, we hope that this airport will play a much greater significant role in the lives of our people.

I look forward to witness the spectacular display by talented pilots who are here today. I hope that the same enthusiasm is in all of us here. When we grew up, never did we imagine that some day we will have the opportunity to watch airplanes at play. I am sure that we are looking forward to this.

I hope that next year we will be able to draw an appreciative viewing from many primary school learners from around Sedibeng. This will help in planting a seed of enthusiasm in those of us who are young. This will ensure that whilst it will be dreams come true to most of them, some will grow to become our future pilots in the country.

Programme Director, whilst I envy the talents of these daring pilots here, I would not wish to be in their shoes. I have one wish though, on behalf of the community of Sedibeng: Please give us a show like the one we saw on the inauguration of the State President Jacob Zuma. On my part, I will ensure that next year, I will bring along many young boys and girls to watch you.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all of you for continuing with this programme. I look forward to many more to come. I hope all of us will enjoy the display that will follow.

I thank you.