



Speaking Notes by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the Report Back in Tshepiso North Ext 3 (Phase 4) held on the 28th November 2010, in Sedibeng

Executive Mayor of Emfuleni: Cllr. SA Mshudulu;

Members of Mayoral Committees;

Fellow Councillors;

Baetapele ba Tshepiso Phase 4;

Setjhaba sa Tshepiso Phase 4,

I take this opportunity to bring you greetings from Sedibeng District Municipality. This meeting here today seeks to provide answers to the Memorandum received from your community leaders on the 15th August 2010. It has been some time before we could be able to respond.

This delay was caused by the intensive activity of finding the answers to your questions.

Before I even attempt to provide the answers to the issues raised in your Memorandum, allow me to indicate that I am not very happy with the

manner in which we have so far communicated with one another. My office is open and available to talk to you.

If for some reason, we wake up with misunderstanding, I look forward to have engagements on an ongoing basis to resolve these tensions. We cannot allow ourselves to be permanently in disagreements. Ntwa ke ya Madula-mmoho. Hae lale rona makwala re none. Mistakes will be made where there is work to be done.

Your Memorandum dated the 15th August addresses itself to the following issues:

- **Electricity**

A meeting with Emfuleni Local Municipality and stakeholders from this area indicated that this matter will be resolved and that electricity will be in place by April 2011. This matter could have been resolved much earlier with electricity having been installed. However, the substation was vandalized and the copper cables stolen which caused the delay.

I hope that the community will take a very serious note of the effects of vandals and how it affects service delivery. As things stands, we are working hard to see to it that the lost cables as well as the vandalize substation is replaced.

- **Roads in Block 10**

It was resolved that the water which was leaking in that area which caused the destruction will be attended by Mesti-a-Leakoa. The road has been graded and compacted for it to improve accessibility in the medium term.

The Municipality in Emfuleni is working towards a long term solution of finding R8m for the road and R 16m for the water drainage.

- **Empty Houses**

It was resolved that the contractor speed up the completion of houses which are at a various state of completion. On record there are 971 allocated houses to legal occupants in Tshepiso ext 3 but a preliminary investigation indicate that 998 houses are being occupied, which means 27 houses are illegally occupied.

A comprehensive report will be provided soon to deal with cases of illegal occupation. This matter must be resolved as a matter of urgency. I am looking forward to your assistance in dealing with this matter.

Allocation of beneficiaries

It was stated that all qualifying beneficiaries will be allocated according to the procedure to the completed house. With the current building projects going on, we will be able to find solutions to all registered beneficiaries.

Moving away of containers

The process of moving containers away was short lived by the disaster which happened at an old Vereeniging hospital where shacks were burned down and the residents were moved to those empty containers. This is a short term arrangement since all beneficiaries who qualify will be registered for Tshepiso North ext 4 project which is currently underway.

Subsidy Administration

It was put on record that out of 1453 beneficiaries in Tshepiso North ext3, there are already 5402 houses to be built by Tsekema, which means that nobody is going to be left out subject to provided that they qualify in Tshepiso North ext3

Consumer Education

It was further resolved that consumer education be conducted for the beneficiaries of both Tshepiso North ext 3 and 4, so that unnecessary tensions may be resolved going forward.

In conclusion, it is clear for all to see that the service provider is back on site and the houses will be completed. I cannot overemphasize the need to work together on this project so that the community can benefit. This is only possible to do in an atmosphere of peace and calm. The need for stability on the ground will ensure that the service provider can complete the project on time.

I do hereby appeal to the community of Phase 4 to provide this necessary peaceful and stable environment. We as the government can only do so much, but if the community continues to vandalize their own infrastructure, it will prove very difficult for us to assist with the necessary services.

I Thank You