



Welcoming Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality MMC Mluleki Nkosi on the occasion of the World Cup Legacy held on the 03rd December 2010, in Sedibeng

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CEO: 2010 Organizing Committee: Dr Danny Jordan;

Chairman: 2010 Organizing Committee: Dr Irving Khoza;

President of SAFA: Mr Kirsten Nematandani;

Principal and Staff of Qedilizwe Secondary School;

Parents and guardians;

Our Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen

I take this opportunity to bring you the warm greetings from **Sedibeng District Municipality**. When the bid for the 2010 FIFA World Cup was done and dusted and the cost started escalating for the establishment of

the necessary infrastructure for the tournament, a section of the reactionary media made a lot of noise as to what the World Cup will leave in our country except a massive debt. Some members in our communities started to rehash the same sentiments as if they were a gospel truth.

The Organizing Community and SAFA, thanks to their vision, went about their difficult task without batting an eyelid. To the CEO of the Organizing Committee, Dr Danny Jordan, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Dr Irving Khoza and the President of SAFA, Mr Kirsten Nematandani, we in Sedibeng District Municipality can never thank you enough.

The provision of this facility will go a long way in improving the standards of football in the region and I know that this will assist in revamping Footballing Wednesday in the manner that the likes of Jomo Sono, Andries Maseko, Teenage Dladla were discovered from their various schools across the province.

To the President of SAFA, Mr Kirsten Nematandani, I hope your legacy in Bob Squad in the Sovenga League is still going strong. I am told that Real Madrid which was composed mainly of players from Sedibeng, led by the now Senior Advocate Ishmael Semenya used to give you a tough time.

The fact that you had in your team professional players from the then Witbank Black Aces did not assist, I am reliably informed.

We are very happy that SAFA and the Organizing Committee looked in favour to Qedilizwe as the venue to launch these legacy projects. We had no doubt that the 2010 FIFA World Cup will leave a legacy.

I call on all the young boys and girls in Sedibeng to make it a lasting one by taking up football seriously.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity, with powers vested in me, to welcome our distinguished guests here today. Long may South Africa reign in football with facilities like these to show the world once again that South Africa can and will do it.

I Thank You