



**Address by the Executive Mayor, Cllr Mahole Simon Mofokeng on
the occasion of the 189th Meeting of the Mayoral Committee
held on the 10th May 2011, Mayor's Parlour, in Sedibeng.**

Honourable Speaker: Comrade Kedibone Mogotsi;
Comrade Chief Whip: Cllr. Khulu Malindi;
Honourable Members of the Mayoral Committee
Municipal Manager & Your Team

Honourable Members of the Mayoral Committee, welcome once again to the 189th seating of this august body representing the collective leadership of Sedibeng District Municipality, this being the last of the Mayoral Committee as we wind the clock to the end of our political term.

It is with the battle ahead of us that we meet today. The 18th of May is upon us, we look back with pride of our collective achievements over the political term of office which was.

This period, 2006-2011 has heralded great things for both Sedibeng District Municipality and the South Africa as a whole. We delivered as a united Nation the 2010 FIFA World Cup, Sedibeng District Municipality, this Mayoral Committee being a central part of that success.

We delivered on the 100 Days Service Delivery Projects, a mammoth task at the time when our detractors were already writing our obituary. We did with class and distinction which belied our perceived stature in the eyes of the entire world and country.

We did it well: We outdid ourselves: We stand in awe of what was delivered in such a short space of time. If anything characterized this Mayoral Committee, my cabinet, is the manner you stood by each other and by me, steadfast in your commitment that indeed the best is yet to come.

It has come to pass that we conquered. We ran a good race, we fought a good fight: We are the last man standing: We belled the cat and lived to tell the tale.

Any lesser group of persons would have sat on their laurels and basked in the glory of successes past, but no, not this Mayoral Committee, not Sedibeng District Municipality, we went on with the same attention to detail in the delivery of the SODA.

This last SODA still resonates in the hearts and minds of all in the Province and the District. Our communities are proud to belong to Sedibeng District Municipality. We do not do things in half measures. We go bold or we go bust.

Some of our invited guests are singing praises for the manner in which we executed the SODA. I take this opportunity to quote one of them in his accolades, Dr Biki S.V Minyuku writes: “Your Excellency, Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng, Greetings!

This unconditional letter serves to request for your understanding and kind permission to allow me to address your good-selves directly, rather than through your hard-working SDM’s foot-soldiers and professional front-line mind and kindness at hearts as well as the solid SoDA (and up-beat Feed-back Report indeed) flavoured with an unforgettable convivial well-organized Gala-Dinner to which one of my Business Partners, Professor George L. Marx (an Actuarial Scientist by profession, practice and experience),

and I had the distinct pleasure to witness. We hereby also wish your Excellency, Madam Speaker and esteemed SDM’s Mayoral Investment Council to know that armed with the Executive Mayor’s delivered practical SoDA/Report-back, acutely aware of our divided but reconcilable past and, cognizant of the difficult but surmountable

challenges ahead, we both feel, remain encouraged and buoyant about SDM's current reality, continued efforts at improving the quality of the peoples of the SDM, quite mindful that where there is a will and a clear way, more can be done with less".

With all the good work we have done as a collective, it is proper that we have a fitting tribute and farewell to this great team. We are working around the clock to find a suitable date in the light of the tasks at hand to deliver the 2011 Local Government Elections. I hope we will find that date soon so that we can look back at the great work we have achieved.

It is while we are faced with the work at hand that I notice that SAMWU may be embarking on a national strike on the 11th of May. I take this opportunity to call on all of us to ensure that the administrative component, the backbone of the great things we have achieved, to work with the Union with a view to offset the potential impact of the said strike.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you profoundly for the sterling work you have done in the past five years. Today we have more tarred roads in Sedibeng completed in the short space of time than there ever was, we have bustling township in Tshepong where the land used to lie fallow, there are is now bright with street lighting at night and the families no longer have to buy candles and coal.

For all this and more we have your sterling leadership to thank. Take a bow and pat yourselves on the back. There are none more deserving.

With the powers vested in me, with a very heavy heart in the light of this occasion being the last of its kind and the team constituted in this manner, I take this opportunity to present the following agenda items for your attention and consideration:

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I Thank You