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SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED BY THE MAYOR, CLLR RALEPANE MAMEKOA AT THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAFOLO PARK AT GREATER TUBATSE MUNICIPAL CHAMBER ON THE 30th JULY 2008

Programme Director Members of the Executive Committee Madame Speaker Chief Whip Councillors Magoshi Members of Ward Committees and Other committees Department of Local Government and Housing Representatives Officials Distinguished guests Ladies and gentlemen

We are gathered here today, to witness the official announcement of a development which forms part Greater Tubatse Municipality's Vision which is "To develop Tubatse as a Platinum City in an Intergrated Manner to improve the quality of life for all". Pele ke elela ka polelo ya ka, ke rata go laetša gore molekgotla kgorong ya Merero ya Mengwako le Mebušo Selegae, Mme Maite Nkoane-Mashabane, ga se a kgona go fihla, o swere ke mabaka a mangwe, efela dithulaganyo di tlo dirwa go kgonthišiša gore ditaba tše, tše botse di a mofihlela.

Greater Tubatse Municipality is proud to announce Mafolo Park Project. This project comes at a time whereby the national government has embarked on encouraging intergrated human settlement countrywide. Mafolo Project will address issues of intergration, whereby community members, rich and poor will be able to live together.

One may ask this question, What is Mafolo Project all about?

Mafolo Park is a gaint new residential and industrial town which will cater for the housing demand for all the new mine developments along the Dilokong Corridor. Unemployment rate is high in the area, so, the project will help in alleviating the problem as it will create jobs and small business opportunities.



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Mafolo Project consists of the following:

- Low income residential stands
- Middle to high income residential stands
- > Town Houses in high Density Residential Parks
- Insdustrial stands
- Business stands
- > Hotel
- Lodge
- Sport Complex
- > Two Primary Schools
- Secondary School
- ≻ College
- Four Institutional Stands
- Three Creche's
- Medical Center
- Clinic
- Recreational and Animal Park
- Cemetry, Refuge (recycle), Animal Shelter
- Sewage works and reservoirs

We have for the past few years, since the inception of a new council in 2006, reviewed all our development plans, ranging from the Land Use Management System, Spatial Development Framework, Local Economic Development and others.

The plans that I have mentioned guided us to embrace this development that we are talking about today-Mafolo Project, that the Diolokong Corridor, being the R37 road from Burgersfort to Polokwane should be developed in order to support all communities and other developments (mines) as identified. Masepala wa gešo o tlo thekga projeke ye, le go kgonthišiša gore e ya tšwelelela, le setšhaba le sona se a holega. Go tsebagatšwa semmušo ga projeke ke sešupo sa gore nnete mmasepala o tseleng ya maleba ya go tliša thlabologo setšhabeng.

The uniqueness and the importance of the development is the partnership amongst the Municipality, Developers and the Community of Mafolo. Kwena Mafolo Community Trust is a 40% stakeholder. This is a clear indication that the community will directly benefit from this project.

In conclusion, we would like to appeal to all partners to work together, to ensure that this project which is estimated at to last between ten to fifteen years becomes a success and all partners benefit from it.

