

## Mayor's address at the opening of Tubatse Superspar, 26 October 2011

Programme Director

EXCO members

Councillors

Store management

Staff members

Distinguished guests

Ladies and gentlemen

We are here today to celebrate and congratulate you on the official opening of the revamped store in Burgersfort. It is the greatest achievement that you made since the store was in 1999 on this site. We are grateful that you have realised the growth of the town and the huge demand of customers on good and quality service. This store will bring much relief and convenience that our community needs.

Our area is having the fastest growing economy in South Africa and this placing pressure on the retail and commercial service to improve their services in order to accommodate the demands of the market. We are happy that Tubatse Superspar has realised that gap in the market by deciding on improving the outlook of the store. When the store was opened in 1999 our total population was 364 000 with less than five mines operating. To date we have more than 16 mines operating and that has reduced the level of unemployment and poverty and this has increased the buying power of the community.

We are told that the store has created over 120 permanent jobs which is a positive sign in reducing the rate of unemployment. We are certain that the staff will replicate the trust by working hard to protect the legacy of the store and repay the faith management have in them. The Spar retail is known of its cleanliness and quality service and we hope that this store will retain that signature by providing good and quality services to the community.

As government we always welcome and appreciate the contribution made by the private sector in fighting the social ills especially poverty. We have read in the past that this store has made generous donations to charities around Tubatse. This is what Ubuntu means to care and cater for the less privileged sector of our community. We would like to urge you to continue with the good work of making a

big difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Please continue with the good work you are doing in our community.

We are not here to give long speeches but to join you in the milestone you have recorded in Burgersfort over the past 12 years. We are confident that with the passion and the support you have this store will operating successfully in the next 20 years. You have stood the test of time and your trademark will make you to survive in this business. With these few words i would like to officially opened the Tubatse SuperSpar and wish you good business and success in all your endeavours.

**I thank you**