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**THE ENCOURAGEMENT SPEECH OF HER WORSHIP, THE EXECUTIVE
MAYOR OF MOTHEO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, CLLR M.E MOILWA,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE HISTORIC SIGNING OF A TEN YEAR LAND
LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THABA PATCHOA
AND MANTSOPA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, ON 05 MARCH 2010**

His Worship, the Mayor of Mantsopa Local Municipality, Cllr Dennis Ntsepe,
Honourable Speaker of Motheo District Municipality, Cllr R. Erasmus,
The honourable Speaker of Mantsopa Local Municipality, Cllr Majara.
Honourable Chief – Whip of Motheo District Municipality, Cllr P Moeng,
Honourable Chief- Whip of Mantsopa Local Municipality, Cllr Kalodi
Honourable Members of Mayoral Committee for Motheo District Municipality,
Honourable Members of Mayoral Committee for Mantsopa Local Municipality,
Honourable Councillors Present,
Comrade- leaders of Alliance structures,
Esteemed Municipality Managers and Senior Managers Present.
Esteemed leaders of Thaba Patchoa Community Development Forum,
Distinguished Guest,
Ladies and Gentlemen, and all Protocol Observed,

Programne Director,

We thank you for the opportunity you give to us to participate in the programme of this historic function. Allow us programme director, to express heart-felt words of congratulations to the leadership of Thaba Patchoa Community development forum and Mantsopa Local Municipality for having found it possible to reach this historic agreement.

The fifty second congress of the African National Congress noted that “Colonialism and apartheid were rooted in the dispossession of the African people of their land, the destruction of African farming and the super- exploitation of wage labourers, including farm-workers and their families. Poverty, inequality and joblessness are the consequence of centuries of underdevelopment and exploitation consciously

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perpetrated on the majority of the population, which had its most destructive and enduring impacts on rural South Africa. Consequently, the structural faults that characterised the apartheid rural economy remain with us today”.

The significance of this land lease agreement therefore lies in its conscious and deliberate effort to correct the evil as described by the fifty-second congress of the African National Congress.

This land lease agreement, Programme Director is significant as it advances the objectives of a developmental state, which according to the fifty-second congress of the African National Congress must be the following “ The developmental state has a central role to play in leading and sustaining rural development. This includes leading the process of land reform, promoting sustainable change in social and economic relations and supporting the goals of growth and development in the rural economy. The mobilisation of communities is central to all of these objectives”.

Programme Director, the Thaba Patchoa community development forum must be supported in order to enhance the prospect of success, as the project serves to promote the achievement of a clause of the Freedom Charter, which is that “ the land shall be shared among those who work it”.

In conclusion we are certainly in agreement with the fifty-second national conference of the African National Congress which noted that “ South Africa has entered its second decade of freedom with the strengthening of democracy and acceleration of the programme to improve the quality of life of all the people. Steadily, the dark night of white minority political domination is receding into distant memory”.

Congratulations to Mantsopa Local Municipality and Thaba Patchoa community forum. We wish you success

Thank you,
Executive Mayor
Motheo District Municipality

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