

CoGHSTA MEDIA STATEMENT ON MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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Good day,

Today, the 06th of September 2014, the Honorable MEC Makoma Makhurupetje called a council meeting of the Mogalakwena Local Municipality. The council was called in terms section 29 (2) of the Municipal Structures Act. This council meeting follows the expulsion of 23 councilors by the African National Congress and their subsequent withdrawal from the council this year.

Nine of these councilors were PR Councilors and have since been replaced by new PR councilors. Regarding the remaining thirteen (13) ward councilors, the Honorable MEC has Gazetted the date of 26 November 2016 as the day of bi-elections in terms of the IEC Time Table. With all these efforts, we hope to bring the situation in the Mogalakwena Local Municipality to order and stability. Central and of cardinal importance to the department, is to get the Mogalakwena Local Municipality, as we will want with other Municipalities, "Back to Basics: to servicing our communities better".

In addition to the latter, the department would like reiterate its position on the fight against corruption and maladministration in this municipality and any other municipality. In this regard, as the department, we would like to see a comprehensive forensic audit on financial management, procurement and provision of services and infrastructure covering the period from 2011/2012 to 2013/2014 financial years. This, therefore means, investigation of the findings of both the KPMG Report and the Auditor General and implementation of outcomes without failure.

Once more, the MEC Makhurupetje would like to thank the Community of Mogalakwena for the patience exercised during this difficult period. We call on all to come out in multitudes on 26 November 2014 and exercise their right to vote in the bi-elections.

The MEC would as well like to take this opportunity to welcome the election of the New Speaker Cllr. Rahab Lebelo and Cllr. Tlhalefi Mashamaite as the Mayor. We wish them all the best in taking this municipality forward.

Thank You

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