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CoGHSTA appoints new Head of Department

The Limpopo Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) would like to inform members of the media of the appointment of Ms Ngaka Mosehana as its new Head of Department. Ms Mosehana takes the reigns from Mr Gregory Makoko who acted as Head of Department for a period not less than two years. Ms Mosehana is a seasoned public administrator with more than 20 years' experience in government, 14 of which have been at senior management level. She is currently pursuing an MBA and is a proud holder of a Post Graduate Diploma in Corporate Governance obtained from Monash University, South Africa. She joined government in 1996 as an Assistant Director in the Eastern Cape and moved to National Transport Department as a Deputy Director in 2000. She later joined the Limpopo Provincial Administration; Department of Transport in 2003 as a District Manager in Waterberg. Based on her sterling performance while managing the Department of Transport's flagship programme Arrive Alive campaigns both in the Eastern Cape and the National Office, she was later transferred to the Limpopo Department of Transport in March 2004 to head Communications and ICT.

In 2005, she was reassigned to the Strategic Management and Policy Co-ordination unit in the same Department where she became responsible for the coordination of strategic management, performance management and policy coordination in the department. In 2007, she was then appointed as General Manager responsible for Corporate Services in an acting capacity. In August 2008, she joined the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) as a General Manager responsible for Corporate Services a position she occupied until 2011.

She left for the Eastern Cape later in 2011 when she was appointed as Head of Department for Safety and Liaison where she served successful two (2) full terms. During her tenure, she did a lot in transforming the department. This was a responsibility she dispensed with diligence and was rewarded with two (2) clean audits. Her department was consequently used as a benchmark especially with regards to administration and governance related matters throughout the whole of the Eastern Cape. Inspired by her hard work and performance, the Premier of the Eastern Cape decided to appoint her as Head of Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of that province in an acting capacity. This is the last position she occupied in government before landing this new responsibility in our province as an Accounting Officer and Head of Department of CoGHSTA.

The department has no doubt that Mosehana is equal to the task. Lying ahead of her in the department are the following: **On Cooperative Governance:**

- Develop and implement the five year Multi-sectoral Local Government Action Agenda flowing out from the Local government summit;
- Ensure stability in the new municipality of Lim 345 and in other merged or newly created municipalities;
- Ensure full implementation of the IGR framework Act by supporting the work of the MEC/Mayor's Forum;
- Ensuring that municipalities spend their MIG grants and implement the Back to Basic programme;
- Ensure that municipalities implement their audit action plans and financial prescripts;
- Also that we coordinate the implementation of the Limpopo Water Master Plan and the Spatial Development Framework (SDF);

On Integrated Sustainable Human Settlements:

- Implement the turn-around strategy and fast-track all the housing projects entailed in the business plan;
- Reduce the housing backlog in the province;
- Ensure that Project management plans stick to agreed schedule throughout the value cycle starting from beneficiary identification to the hand-over of completed units;
- Ensure that no money allocated for housing is returned back to Treasury because of poor performance or underspending;

On Traditional affairs:

- Expedite the work of the Kgatla Commission and also deal with impending traditional leadership disputes from time to time;

- Fast track the project of refurbishing traditional council offices, the building of new ones and the filling of vacancies in traditional authorities;
- The department is expected as well to support the two Kingships and one Queenship in the province;
- Reconstitute traditional councils in line with current legislation and available budgets.

We are quite confident that she will take the department to places as she is joining a committed team of hardworking men and women. All our employees in the department are ready to work with her starting from a Groundsman at a Traditional Council office to a CDW and a Deputy Director General.

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