

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON PREMIER'S OFFICE;
FINANCE; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM:**

**“TAKING THE LEGISLATURE TO THE PEOPLE” (TLP) HELD IN THE NKOMAZI
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, EHLANZENI DISTRICT, 17 – 19 SEPTEMBER 2019:
DEDT / MEGA**

1. INTRODUCTION

Section 118 (1) (a) and (b) (i) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa empowers a provincial legislature to facilitate public access to and involvement in its oversight processes. In addition, sections 114 and 133 of the Constitution, read together with rules 218 and 131 of the Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature (the Rules) directs the Legislature to hold the Executive accountable for the exercising of powers and performance of functions.

In carrying out its constitutional oversight and public participation mandate, the **Portfolio Committee on Premier's Office; Finance; Economic Development and Tourism** (the Committee) conducted oversight visits, a public hearing and various stakeholder engagement sessions in the Nkomazi Local Municipality (the municipality) on 17 – 19 September 2019 during the “Taking the Legislature to the People” (TLP) event.

This report reflects the issues that emanated from the oversight activities during the said date, which will need further intervention of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDT) and its parastatal Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA).

2. PURPOSE OF THE OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

The Committee assessed progress on projects that are assisted by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDT) and Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA). The Committee wanted to interact with project beneficiaries and ensure that the DEDT's and entity's delivery of core mandated services is fast tracked.

3. METHOD OF WORK

As per the Legislature programme, the Economic Cluster had oversight visits planned for 17 – 18 September 2019 at the Nkomazi Local Municipality. The Committee informed the department and entity about the oversight visits to be conducted and the purpose thereof. Invitations were sent to the department, management of the entity and the Municipality requesting them to be part of the visits.

- On 17 September 2019, the Committee conducted an oversight visit at the Magobeni Merica Trading (PTY) Ltd, trading as Galitos Schoemansdal; and the Likusasa Lethu Leather fern Production in Driekoppies.
- On 18 September 2019, the Committee conducted another oversight visit at the Jo Li Solutions (PTY) Ltd, trading as Joli Water in Malelane.
- On 19 September, the Public Hearing was jointly conducted by the Economic and Social Transformation Clusters at the Kamhlushwa Stadium; and later the Committee conducted a Business Sector Stakeholder engagement session at the Boschfontein Community Hall.
- Subsequently, the Committee met and considered the draft Committee report on 09 October 2019.

4. OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

The Committee observed the following on the three (3) projects that were visited:

- Magobeni Merica Trading (PTY) Ltd Galitos franchise is a good story to tell.
- The business was officially launched on 18 December 2018. It was initially owned by three (3) directors; however the two (2) have resigned due to personal challenges.
- The business is 100% owned by a youth female entrepreneur, Ms Ayanda Ngobeni, operating in a mobile container located at Stand No. 460 Buffelspruit, Schoemansdal.
- The business is doing quite well with the support of the community as well and has created seven (7) job opportunities.
- With regard to Likusasa Lethu Leather fern Production, the Committee noted with great concern that the project has been gravely neglected by MEGA.

- An oversight visit was previously conducted by the Portfolio Committee during the 2015 Nkomazi TLP programme and only part of the House Resolutions were implemented to date.
- The project is currently not viable and is operating at a long-term loss.
- The third project, Jo Li Solutions (PTY) Ltd trading as Joli Water, is a more sustainable business which is 100% youth owned.
- It is a water purification business established in 2014 by Mr Jonas Andries Matse and Ms Lindiwe Emily Mashinini.

5. INTERACTION WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT / ENTITY, THE BENEFICIARIES AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

5.1 MAGOBENI MERICA TRADING (PTY) LTD, TRADING AS GALITOS SCHOEMANSDAL

Ms Zandile Sibanda (MEGA Senior Manager: Funding) gave a presentation on the support provided by MEGA in the business.

Ms Sibanda reported that a loan facility of R5 000 000.00 was approved to roll out youth owned Galitos mobile franchisee businesses. The facility was intended to empower ten (10) beneficiaries at a cost of R500 000.00 per beneficiary to start a Galitos in a mobile container within the Mpumalanga Province.

MEGA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Galitos and the Mpumalanga Youth Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MYCCI) to collectively unlock available business opportunities in all industries for this designated group. Magobeni Merica Trading was selected as one of the preferred beneficiaries to start the business in Nkomazi.

Ms Sibanda mentioned that the business was granted a business loan valued at R500 000.00, which was used to purchase a Galitos mobile container, equipment and financing of training, uniforms and stock. In terms of the partnership agreement with MEGA, Galitos Franchisor provides the necessary technical support to the business. The business started operating on 18 December 2018 and is doing very well with enormous support from the local community.

The business has empowered Ms Ngobeni to create seven (7) jobs in the rural area of Nkomazi Local Municipality.

Project beneficiary:

Ms Ayanda Ngobeni (owner) gave a brief presentation on the business.

- According to Ms Ngobeni, the business has received significant support from MEGA, the local municipality and community at large. Initially, she invested R215 000.00 to start the business.
- The franchise is doing well since its inception through sales generated monthly. Ms Ngobeni further stated that the franchise has been able to comfortably make profit almost every month although some days are not as busy as others; hence the loan repayment to MEGA has not been fully serviced on a monthly basis.
- The current operating hours are Monday to Friday from 07h30 to 21h00, Saturday from 07h30 to 22h00 and Sunday 07h30 to 19h00. The franchise also does deliveries.

Worth pleasantly noting, is that Ms Ngobeni has even added a play area for children where parents can also host birthday parties for their children.

- Ms Ngobeni further indicated that the Galitos Franchisor visits the business regularly to ensure that all safety, health and environmental conditions are met.
- In conclusion, Ms Ngobeni stated that she is currently looking into reviving their communication and relationship with the local Tribal Authority to occupy larger premises, with the intention of business expansion and more job creation.

5.1.1 FINDINGS

After the interaction with the management of the department and MEGA, the Committee made the following findings:

1. The owner of the Magobeni Merica Trading (PTY) Ltd Galito's franchise in Schoemansdal is presently operating on leased land.

2. The franchise has been reported to be doing well although it has slightly fallen behind on loan repayments to MEGA.
3. The franchise has to date, managed to create seven (7) jobs in the rural area of Schoemansdal.

5.1.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee made the following recommendations:

1. The entity must assist, where possible, the owner of the Schoemansdal Galitos franchise to acquire the land on a permanent basis, in consultation with the local Tribal Authority as well as the local municipality and report back to the Committee on the progress made, not later than 22 November 2019.
2. The entity must continue to assist the franchise to expand its market through effective marketing, so as to increase revenue to allow the franchise to be profitable enough to service the MEGA loan of R500 000.00.
3. The entity must continue to provide business and technical related advice to the franchise in order to allow it to be self-sustainable in the near foreseeable future.

5.2 LIKUSASA LETHU LEATHER FERN PRODUCTION

Mr Victor Mashego (MEGA Business Advisor) gave an overview on the leather fern project.

Likusasa Lethu Farmer's Association is a co-operative located in Driekoppies. The project is run by farmers who were former employees of the previous owner of the farm, the late Mr Braak. Mr Braak subsequently allocated one (1) hectare land to each farmer for the purpose of cultivating leather ferns (plants). Initially there were ten (10) members of the association that owned different plots of land; 5 males and 5 females, which represented a 100% black ownership; but only six (6) beneficiaries are left. Upon inception, Mr Braak used to act as a middle man for the farmers to market their products.

During the period October 2003 and September 2006, MEGA approved loans totalling R1 515 159.00 in favour of Likusasa Lethu to finance irrigation infrastructure, shade nets and production input costs (pesticides and fertilizers). In 2008, an additional loan of R4 234 593.00 was granted

through the MAFISA fund, which was not fully disbursed to the project. At some point the association also benefited from grant funding from the National Development Agency (NDA).

A majority of the farmers began farming in 1989 on tribal land; initially they had been farming cotton. Ms Mavuso, who is one of the beneficiaries, has been farming leather fern at her plot since 1998. MEGA, at the time, assisted her with a loan amount of R384 963.00 in 2011. The loan repayment is still not completed. An equivalent amount was also granted to each of the nine (9) other farmers in the association.

The beneficiaries indicated that the project is experiencing the following challenges:

- In 2014, the beneficiaries had initially stated that MEGA did not physically transfer the amount in each of their personal bank accounts or that of the association but instead requested the beneficiaries to submit invoices for the purchases they required; and submit quotations to the entity.
- They all stated that not all the money they were granted had been fully utilised but to date they are still paying an instalment of R7 230.00 per month.
- Ms Mavuso, the chairperson at the time, stated that this was detrimental for their business especially because they struggle to get profit due to high operational costs, which include insurance for the fern houses, water and transportation of the leather ferns to Mr Braak as well as the commission charged by Mr Braak to sell the products at the market.
- She further stated that there were no statements or receipts that had been given to them by MEGA to show how much of their loan they have used and how much is still remaining to be paid.
- Each beneficiary appointed about four (4) permanent farmers responsible for day to day operations; others are seasonally appointed. The beneficiaries are unable to pay the farmers.
- The beneficiaries also expressed great concern over the unavailability of water. The water in the area had been cut off due to the fact that the water bill had not been paid.
- Ms Mavuso had said if the leather ferns continued for weeks without water, this would damage the production and they would be forced to close down the farm.
- She also expressed great concern over the role played by MEGA. She said MEGA never conducted regular visits and also never provided training or any other form of

assistance. Ms Mavuso also stated that all MEGA requested was the beneficiaries' money at the end of the month.

- The beneficiaries still experienced challenges replacing the nets that house the leather ferns. Ms Mavuso, along with her permanent labourers, had to continuously repair them with their own hands; there is no provision of shade-nets from MEGA.
- Mr Skumbuzo Khumalo (Secretary) reported that the project currently has no linkage to the market and that Mr Braak used to market it even internationally.

The Committee noted that after the conclusion of the impact evaluation in September 2016, it was found that no intervention from MEGA had occurred since September 2015; and no official from MEGA had returned back to the project.

MEGA had not provided any statements to the beneficiaries; nor has it adjusted the instalments of beneficiaries according to the appropriate interest rate. The beneficiaries further reported that they wrote to the then MEC for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDT), requesting that the instalment be reviewed or evaluate whether it can be written off. As a result of non-responsiveness, the beneficiaries at that time stopped paying back the monthly instalments to MEGA.

On the day of the subsequent visit in 2016, the beneficiaries reported that they had been without water for four (4) months due to failure to pay for water. Their borehole had stopped working while the pump they were trying to resuscitate and using from a nearby dam was failing. This had resulted in most the fern plants dying, affecting the cooperative's productivity. The beneficiaries had further reported that they had parted ways with Mr Braak and partnered with a new company called Job Club. They further stated that they still had no transport even though it was previously promised by MEGA. They reported that the state of infrastructure at the farm was dilapidated with the shading-nets torn beyond repair.

In August 2019, a follow-up visit was conducted by the researcher that found that part of the House Resolutions were implemented. This included:

- The issuing of the water licence that allows the farmers to access water from the local river.

- The association's account was also stopped by MEGA as recommended by the Portfolio Committee at the time.
- It was found that the association has since elected a new executive headed by Ms Mdluli and Mr Mhlongo.
- The beneficiaries are now transporting the ferns by themselves to Multiflora in Johannesburg to be sold. They had since bought a truck for themselves to transport the ferns, although at the time of the visit, the truck was involved in an accident and they were using a smaller vehicle.

The Committee further noted that there have been several houses which have been destroyed since the previous visit owing to water shortages at a particular point in time.

5.2.1 FINDINGS

After the interaction with the management of the department and MEGA, the Committee made the following findings:

1. The project is currently not viable and is operating at a long-term loss.
2. The project has been gravely neglected by MEGA.

5.2.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee made the following recommendations:

1. The entity must submit a comprehensive report to the Committee stipulating why the project has become a failure and indicate whether there are any plans to revitalize the project, citing clear time-frames if any; and the way forward in assisting the project to be self-sustainable. The report must be submitted not later than 8 November 2019.
2. The entity must intensify its aftercare services to the beneficiaries; strengthen the linkage of the beneficiaries to the market and link them to the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) for non-financial support.

5.3 JO LI SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD TRADING AS JOLI WATER

Ms Sezanele Zondi (MEGA Business Advisor) gave an overview on the Joli Water project.

The business was established in 2014 by Mr Jonas Andries Matse and Ms Lindiwe Emily Mashinini. The business was started after Mr Matse was retrenched from his job in 2013.

The business is well established in the selling of purified water (still and sparkling) and ice cubes. The beneficiaries initially funded the project on their own by purchasing a purifying machine and operating equipment to the value of around R120 000.00. The business continued to operate throughout 2015 using the initial machine. The challenge with the machine was that it did not completely provide the quality of water that was desired but they still continued to operate.

In 2017, the beneficiaries participated in the South African Breweries (SAB) Development Programme and were then awarded with new equipment to the value of around R140 000.00. The machine was an upgrade from the previous machine that they had. This resulted in the business doubling their sales for the next couple of years due to the improved water quality that they were providing. More customers and outlets were now interested in the product.

In 2018, Jo Li Solutions (Pty) Ltd was selected as one of the overall winners during the Mpumalanga Youth Entrepreneurship Programme (MYEP) Awards ceremony held on 06 July 2018. As part of the programme, the business won a grant funding of R200 000.00 to purchase additional equipment for business expansion. MEGA was a key stakeholder in the organisation of the MYEP awards. According to Ms Zondi, the business currently owns assets valued at R371 517.78.

Ms Zondi further reported that the grant was utilized to purchase the following equipment:

- MC Micron (Batch Code Machine), with Conveyor system and ink cartridge worth R49 859.40;
- Carbonating and Chilling system worth R64 047.00;
- Installation, pipe, fittings and valves worth R4 500.00;
- 4 x Display fridges worth R39 599.97;
- Sealer and heat gun worth R6 606.75;
- Labelling machine worth R14 000.00; and
- Stock worth R20 810.40.

Project Beneficiaries:

Mr Jonas Andries Matse and Ms Lindiwe Emily Mashinini (owners) gave a brief presentation on the business.

According to Mr Matse, the business was started in 2014 as a joint venture with Lamanti Company; in 2015 the beneficiaries bought the company out. In 2018, MEGA also assisted them to buy the new carbonated machinery; profits therefore increased when they were able to produce sparkling water. Mr Matse further stated that they are currently solely in charge of their own marketing and charge R3.80 per bottle and R4.80 per branded bottle of water.

Mr Matse reported that the business is currently supplying retail outlets, lodges, catering companies, individuals and the local municipality. The main customers for the business are:

- Mzilikazi Supermarket,
- Spar Matsulu,
- Unyathi Kruger Lodge,
- Reo Vista Lodge,
- Pestana Kruger Lodge,
- Standard Bank and
- Nkomazi Local Municipality

Potential clients that the business is in advanced engagement with are:

- Pick n Pay (Malelane),
- Chill Pepper Boutique Hotel (Mbombela) and
- Silulumanzi Sembcorp (Mbombela)

The business has also placed three (3) refrigerators in different retail outlets.

On a monthly basis, the business currently receives R10 000.00 to R30 000.00 of its revenue from walk in customers, while R40 000.00 to R120 000.00 is through contracts. According to the owners, the business is very sustainable; hence they are now looking into expanding the business by acquiring larger premises.

The beneficiaries indicated that the project is experiencing the following challenge:

- The business currently has a small premise and at the rate that it is growing, the beneficiaries will require a larger space to operate and store the water that is produced.
- The beneficiaries do have a big printing machine for labelling / branding water bottles, but not enough space to do the actual printing and as a result, have to outsource this service.
- The business also produces its own ice cubes but is currently supplying only one (1) client because there is not enough space to package or store more ice; acquiring a bigger space will increase production to more clientele.
- The beneficiaries are currently negotiating to possibly buy a property which is close to where they are operating. If that materializes, then they would be able to even meet the Good Manufacturing Practice Standards and comply with regulations for layout, which requires bigger space. Currently three (3) people including themselves are employed; expanding the business potentially means more job creation.
- The local municipality was approached and the beneficiaries were told to write a letter to the Executive Mayor requesting to occupy a dilapidated premise within the same area; but no response has been received to date from the municipality.

5.3.1 FINDINGS

After the interaction with the management of the department and MEGA, the Committee made the following findings:

1. The beneficiaries are solely in charge of their own marketing.
2. The beneficiaries are currently on a quest to occupy larger premises for the operation of the business.

5.3.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee made the following recommendations:

1. The entity must officially strengthen the linkage of the beneficiaries to the market considering that the business has a potential to generate even more revenue; and provide the necessary support to keep the business operational.

2. The entity must fast-track and expedite the process of acquiring the identified larger premises through the local municipality for the purpose of business expansion, increased production, more job creation and to meet the Good Manufacturing Practice Standards. A progress report must be submitted to the Committee on or before 22 November 2019.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was jointly conducted by the Economic and Social Transformation Clusters at the Kamhlushwa Stadium on 19 September 2019. A business Sector Stakeholder Engagement session was later conducted on the same day at the Boschfontein Community Hall.

The following are some key issues and challenges that were raised by the community during the public hearing:

- The community members were in general, concerned about the slow progress in development of the economy due to the lack of sustainable employment opportunities, especially for the youth.

6.1 FINDING

The Committee made the following finding after the deliberations during the public hearing:

- 6.1.1 Although DEDT, MEGA and MTPA have programmes and projects in the Nkomazi Local Municipality, there is still a need to see tangible results from the interventions and budget expenditure of DEDT in this Municipality.

6.2 RECOMMENDATION

Based on the interactions during the public hearing, the Committee therefore recommends the following:

- 6.2.1 DEDT and its parastatals MEGA and MTPA must intensify their efforts to implement its planned projects and programmes so as to accelerate the service delivery on all its funded projects in the Nkomazi Local Municipality, such that there are tangible results that will truly alleviate poverty and unemployment.

7. BUSINESS SECTOR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The aim of the Business Sector Stakeholder Engagement Session was to engage the local business stakeholders on the enhancement of the Local Economic Development as follows:

- Economic growth
- Infrastructure development
- Job creation / reduction of high unemployment rate
- Confronting challenges hindering the development of the area

The stakeholders were given an opportunity to make a five (05) minutes presentation regarding their type of business; role/social input/contribution to the municipality and province as a whole in terms of job creation and reduction of unemployment; youth involvement; challenges and/or recommendations in the business Sector within the Nkomazi Local Municipal area, including the interventions they would like to see from Provincial Government.

7.1 The following are some key issues and challenges that were raised by the business sector:

BUSINESS SECTOR	ISSUE
Jo Li Soutions (PTY) Ltd trading as Joli Water - Malelane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jonas Matse is the owner of a water purification business. • The business is doing relatively well, but currently need bigger premises to operate in for business expansion, increased production, more job creation and to meet the Good Manufacturing Practice Standards. • Mr Matse still awaits a response from the municipality on the request for occupying bigger premises to operate in.
Budzatja Safaris & Tours - Langeloop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Steven Thabethe is in the tourism sector as tour operator and has safaris operation within the Kruger National Park. • He requests government to provide opportunities to the youth for training so they can be involved in the sector and be capacitated with skills development. • A challenge he is experiencing in the sector are the high costs of some programmes as they are expensive to manage and maintain.

<p>Imvelo Yemaswati Art & Craft Cultural Group - Boschfontein</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Angel Nkosi is involved in the arts and craft cultural industry. • They create siSwati cultural products that are handcrafted. • They also cook meals for the elderly in the area but have no support from government; they do have a business plan and would appreciate any form of assistance from government as a small business.
<p>Cotton Gin Establishment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Johan Cronjé reported that the establishment is in the Boschfontein agricultural rural area. • The production inputs for the cotton are provided by Mr. Price, Edgars/Jet, Woolworths S.A; these will aid in more job opportunities as more people will farm it. • The support from companies includes Cotton S.A., Department of Agriculture and himself. • The cotton establishment is more profitable than sugarcane since this industry is under a lot of pressure and currently not sustainable; it's drought resistant, six (6) month growth cycle and is theft resistant. • There are huge amount of hectares that are under-utilized and these can be used for the cotton establishment; including dry land. • What is required now is to build a gin for the cotton establishment; the feasibility study costs R2 500 000.00 and the establishment itself costs around R70 000 000.00 (can be built in 18 months). • Mr Cronjé stated that the problem currently is to source the funds for the establishment to be implemented and requests the intervention from government.
<p>Elangeni Lodge - Kamhlushwa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Christian Bhiya is the owner of the lodge. • He stated that the business does not have support from government, including information dissemination and access into funding to obtain permit to occupy.
<p>Siyatendela Active Cooperative - NPO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nomahlubi Nkosi indicated that she is running this NPO in a form of a Centre for the community. • They feed 197 children after school, for three (3) times a week. • They also teach them how to sew buttons onto clothing items and also sew/tailor make their own clothes. • The children are taught cultural dances, so they can showcase their talents.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They also assist the children with homework and encourage the older ones to register / start their own companies, as they do receive training from National Youth Development Agency (NYDA). • There are two (2) drop in Centre's in Mzinti but no food is provided for the children there; they are requesting government to intervene so that the children do not resort to theft / crime for their next meal. • In 2018 the National Lottery funded the Centre and they do receive food parcels but do need the assistance from government for expansion and to cater for more children. • They are requesting the department / MEGA to assist with funding.
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7.2 Responses by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism / MEGA / Municipality LED / NDA:

Mr Nhlanhla Mkhabela (MEGA) responded to the business sector engagement issues as follows:

- Mr Mkhabela indicated that financial and non-financial support is offered to emerging businesses and will look into assisting those who require support.
- For loans to SMME's to be granted, there are certain requirements that should be met by applicants, such as business plan, registered company, be a South-African citizen; etc.

MMC for Finance in the Nkomazi Local Municipality and the Manager responsible for LED responded as follows:

- Mr Simon Mabuza (MMC) for Finance made a commitment to allocate the issues raised to the relevant departments within the municipality and will ensure the stakeholders are assisted from there.
- Mr Zakhele Sibiyi (Manager: LED) attested to the point raised on challenges around access to information by influential business stakeholders within the Municipal area.
- Access to market is another challenge wherein local businesses do not benefit from the sector, skills are not developed and stakeholders beyond the Municipality tend to benefit more.
- The municipality will assist stakeholders in the arts and crafts industry and ensure that a market is created for them; including other SMME's within their jurisdiction.

- Mr Sibiya also indicated that the promulgation of Bi-Laws must be fast-tracked to assist stakeholders in the sector.

Mr Maxwell Mathebula (National Development Agency) responded as follows:

- Mr Mathebula indicated that the National Development Agency (NDA) pledges and makes a commitment to support the cooperatives and will assist them to get registered.

7.3 Recommendations and Summation by the Portfolio Committee:

- The Portfolio Committee commits that it will follow up on all issues raised during the engagement, through the Report Back Session to be conducted during the 2020/21 financial year.
- The LED structure must be strengthened to offer businesses opportunities to meet timeously and the Committee will therefore follow up with DEDT on all issues raised that require their intervention. The LED structure must also have a committee where ideas will be shared to assist the municipality and the province at large.
- In conclusion, the Chairperson indicated that the department supervises all state owned entities and report to the Portfolio Committee on a quarterly basis. The Portfolio Committee will utilize internal structures of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature to process issues / commitments made by the department, MEGA and MTPA.

The Committee moves that the House adopts the report with the above recommendations.

8. CONCLUSION

The Chairperson would like to extend a word of appreciation to the Acting HOD Mr NM Sebitso, the senior management officials of DEDT, MEGA, the Nkomazi Local Municipality, project beneficiaries and all other stakeholders for their cooperation during the oversight work of the Committee.

In addition, the Chairperson would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Portfolio Committee for their active participation and constructive contributions during the oversight visit and the support staff for contributing to the production of this report.

Unless otherwise stated the Department of Economic Development and MEGA are required to investigate the observations and findings in this Committee report and implement all the House Resolutions. The report detailing progress in the implementation of all recommendations should be forwarded to the Committee by 29 November 2019 and thereafter on a quarterly basis.



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