



**REMARKS BY MANZINI MAYOR, HIS LORDSHIP COUNCILLOR KHETHOKUHLE DLAMINI ON THE  
OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE 2017 BIGGEST BRAAI.**

**Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - 6pm**

- HONOURABLE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
  - CABINET MINISTERS PRESENT
  - MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT
  - CHAIRMAN OF PHILANI MASWATI CHARITY ORGANISATION
  - HONOURABLE COUNCILLORS
  - REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MAIN SPONSOR – SPAR
  - MANZINI COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND THE MANAGEMENT TEAM
  - RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATIONS
  - MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA
  - THE BISHOP
  - ARTISTS PRESENT TODAY
  - LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
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- IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO BE PART OF THIS EXCITING CEREMONY WHEREIN WE ARE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHING ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND.
  
  - I MUST CONGRATULATE PHILANI MASWATI CHARITY ORGANISATION FOR HAVING INTRODUCED SUCH A BRILLIANT INNOVATION IN SWAZILAND’S SOCIAL SPACE. THE EVENT BRINGS TOGETHER THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS TO DO WHAT THEY LOVE MOST – SHISANYAMA. IT ALSO PROVIDES A PLATFORM FOR NETWORKING AND SHARING OF EXPERIENCES AND BEST PRACTICES. MANY COMPANIES, FAMILIES AND ASSOCIATIONS USE IT AS A PLATFORM FOR TEAM BUILDING. ONCE, AGAIN, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE PHILANI MASWATI FOR HAVING KEPT THE EVENT AFLOAT EVER SINCE INCEPTION WAY BACK IN 2015.
  
  - WHAT IS EVEN MORE EXCITING IS THAT THIS TIME IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE BEAUTIFUL AND VIBRANT HUB OF SWAZILAND; AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT IT WILL BE BIGGER AND BETTER.
  
  - AS COUNCIL WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK HER MAJESTY THE INDLOVUKAZI WHO IS ALSO THE PATRON OF PHILANI MASWATI FOR CHOOSING MANZINI AS THE PERFECT VENUE FOR THE 2017 BIGGEST BRAAI. ON BEHALF OF ALL 30, 000 CITIZENS OF MANZINI AND ALL BIGGEST BRAAI FANS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND OUTSIDE, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING LOMANGCEVEZA IN MANZINI DURING THE 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY HISTORIC BIGGEST BRAAI.

- AS COUNCIL WE ARE REALLY EXCITED TO HAVE PARTNERED WITH PHILANI MASWATI CHARITY ORGANISATION AND OTHER SPONSORS TOWARDS THE 2017 BIGGEST BRAAI. THE ORGANISATION'S GREAT WORK IN THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND IS THERE FOR ALL TO SEE AND COUNCIL IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF ITS MANDATE. WE WOULD LIKE TO IMPLORE THE MANZINI BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE EVENT AND SHOW THE WORLD THAT INDEED *SIYINKHABA YELIVE*.
- I MUST MENTION, HONOURABLE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, THAT HUNDREDS OF BOGOGO AND MKHULUS FORM PART OF THE CITIZENRY OF MANZINI - AND THEY HAVE ALWAYS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO BE VISITED BY PHILANI MASWATI. WE ARE HAPPY THAT THE OPPORTUNITY HAS FINALLY COME. WE ARE EVEN MORE EXCITED TO LEARN THAT PHILANI MASWATI HAS ARRANGED FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIGGEST BRAAI FREE OF CHARGE.
- AS COUNCIL WE ARE ALSO THRILLED TO LEARN THAT PHILANI MASWATI HAS ARRANGED A DISCOUNTED FEE FOR THE FIRST 50 MANZINI RATEPAYERS WHO WILL BUY TICKETS TO THE 2017 BIGGEST BRAAI. I TRUST THAT RATEPAYERS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GENEROSITY BY ENSURING THEY ARE FIRST TO BUY THE TICKETS.
- I MUST ALSO THANK THE CHARITY ORGANISATION FOR ENSURING THAT THE 2017 BIGGEST BRAAI POSITVELY IMPACTS ONE OF THE HIGH PRIORITY STAKEHOLDERS OF COUNCIL; THE INFORMAL SECTOR (POPULARLY KNOWN AS STREET VENDORS). ALL OF THIS SHOWS THE POSITIVE IMPACT THAT THE 2017 BIGGEST BRAAI BRINGS TO MANZINI MUNICIPALITY - AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL.
- I THEREFORE WOULD LIKE TO URGE ALL 30,000 CITIZENS OF MANZINI, YOUNG AND OLD, TO SUPPORT THE 2017 BIGGEST BRAAI BY BUYING THE TICKETS. BRING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY AND ENJOY THE HISTORIC BRAAI. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT GREAT ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR AFTER THE BRAAI. LET US MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO UNWIND AND NETWORK IN A RELAXED ENVIRONMENT. AS WE DO ALL THIS, LET US NOT FORGET THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THE EVENT WILL BE USED TOWARDS CHARITY.
- HONOURABLE, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER; I MUST MENTION THAT COUNCIL IS INSPIRED BY THE GREAT WORK THAT YOUR OFFICE IS DOING FOR THE VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, INCLUDING THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY. INDEED YOUR WISE LEADERSHIP AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HAS AMPLY DEMONSTRATED YOUR PASSION TOWARDS THIS SECTOR OF SOCIETY. AT THIS JUNCTURE; MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOU TO ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

**I THANK YOU**