

**REMARKS BY MANZINI MAYOR, HER LORDSHIP COUNCILLOR AYANDA SIGUDLA DURING THE
CELEBRATION OF YEARS OF SUCCESS BY MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA**

Ngwane Park High School - Saturday 15th July 2017 – 9am

- HONOURABLE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
 - CABINET MINISTERS
 - MANZINI SOUTH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
 - MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT
 - CHIEF NKAMANE
 - PRINCE MSHOSHI
 - MEMBERS OF THE INKHUNDLA COUNCIL
 - MEMBERS OF THE MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA, INCLUDING RATEPAYERS
 - MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA
 - LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
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- AS THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI WE ARE HONOURED TO BE A PART OF THIS EXCITING CEREMONY WHEREIN WE ARE GATHERED TO CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESS STORIES AS MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA.

 - FIRST OF ALL WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE PRESENCE OF THE HONOURABLE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN THIS GATHERING. THAT YOU PUT EVERYTHING ASIDE, NKHOSI, AND DECIDED TO COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US IS REALLY APPRECIATED.

 - AS COUNCIL, WE FURTHER WOULD LIKE TO APPRECIATE THE GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN OURSELVES, MANZINI SOUTH MP AND THE ENTIRE INKHUNDLA COUNCIL. THIS HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR BOTH COUNCIL AND INKHUNDLA TO DELIVER SATISFACTORY SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS THAT WE SERVE.

 - HONOURABLE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER; WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT HALF THE MANZINI URBAN AREA FALLS UNDER MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA. THIS MEANS THAT WHATEVER THE INKHUNDLA DOES AFFECTS THE URBAN CITIZENS AND WHATEVER COUNCIL DOES HAS AN IMPACT ON THE INKHUNDLA.

 - ON THAT NOTE, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA FOR THE UPGRADING OF TWO BRIDGES IN MASEKWENI AREA; WHICH FALLS UNDER THE MANZINI URBAN AREA. THIS HAS MADE IT EASY FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS LIVING IN THAT AREA TO MOVE FROM ONE POINT TO THE OTHER.

- HONOURABLE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER; IT WOULD BE FOLLY NOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOOD RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN COUNCIL AND CHIEF NKAMANE. MOST OF OUR GRAVEL ROADS ARE IN A GOOD CONDITION BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT THAT WE HAVE OVER THE YEARS RECEIVED FROM HIM BY WAY OF ALLOWING US TO SOURCE GRAVEL MATERIAL FROM ELWANDLE AREA AT NO COST. THE CHIEF'S KIND GESTURE IS REALLY APPRECIATED.
- COUNCIL WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS HER APPRECIATION TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT FOR HER SUPPORT TOWARDS THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO THE CITY OF MANZINI. WITHOUT THE SUPPORT WE WOULD HAVE NOTHING MUCH TO CELEBRATE TODAY.
- THROUGH FUNDS RECEIVED FROM HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, COUNCIL HAS OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS BEEN ABLE TO UPGRADE AND REHABILITATE A NUMBER OF ROADS IN NGWANE PARK, COATES VALLEY, AND ZAKHELE AT A TOTAL COST OF E56.1 MILLION. AS WE CELEBRATE TODAY, THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS UNDER MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA ARE ALREADY ENJOYING A QUALITY RIDE ON SOME OF THOSE ROADS. OTHER ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UNDER THE INKHUNDLA ARE STILL ONGOING AND WILL BE COMPLETED SOON.
- FURTHERMORE, IN AN EFFORT TO MEET THE EVER GROWING DEMAND FOR HOUSING IN THE CITY, COUNCIL HAS COMMITTED MILLIONS OF EMALANGENI TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TOWNSHIP UNDER THE MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA; TO BE KNOWN AS MKHOSI TOWNSHIP. MOREOVER, IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF CITIZENS, HIGH MAST SECURITY LIGHTS WORTH MILLIONS OF EMALANGENI HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN ALL THE MUNICIPAL WARDS THAT FALL UNDER MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA.
- HONOURABLE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER; COUNCIL HAS ALSO NOTED AN INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE CITY. IN A BID TO CLOSE THAT GAP, SHE HAS INTRODUCED A LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) PROGRAMME. WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT A NUMBER OF YOUTHS UNDER MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA HAVE BENEFITTED UNDER THIS PROGRAMME IN TERMS OF JOB CREATION. WE ALSO HOPE AND PRAY THAT URBAN CITIZENS WHO LIVE WITHIN MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA WILL IN THE NEAR FUTURE BEGIN TO ACCESS FUNDS FROM THE INKHUNDLA TOWARDS INCOME GENERATION PROJECTS.
- A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UNDER THIS INKHUNDLA ARE STILL IN THE PIPELINE AND WILL BE DELIVERED IN LINE WITH THE MANZINI INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP). THESE INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD AND BRIDGE THAT WILL CONNECT SIHLAHLANI WITH BOSCO.
- AS THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A STRONGER WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH AND MORE SUPPORT FROM HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, THE MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA AND ALL OTHER RELEVANT PARTNERS.
- IN ENDING, I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA WHO REGISTERED FOR THE 2017 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION TO MAKE SURE THAT, WHEN VOTING TIME COMES, THEY EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT AND VOTE FOR COUNCILLORS WHO WILL MAKE A

DIFFERENCE IN THE MUNICIPALITY. AS THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI WE WISH THE MANZINI SOUTH INKHUNDLA MORE AND MORE SUCCESS GOING FORWARD.

I THANK YOU