**TALKING POINTS BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, CLLR WESLEY DLAMINI, DURING THE 2025 BORDER TO BORDER**

**Date:** 14th June 2025 **Venue:** King Somhlolo Park **Time:** 7 am

* **PROGRAMME DIRECTOR**
* **HONOURABLE COUNCILLORS PRESENT**
* **CEOS OF MANZINI MUNICIPALITY & ESWATINI TOURISM AUTHORITY**
* **CEO ALPHSZ & CHAIRPERSON ALPHSZ**
* **PRESIDENT OF ESWATINI CYCLING**
* **ROAD ACCIDENT ACTION GROUP (RAAG) DIRECTOR**
* **ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**
* **CYCLISTS PRESENT**
* **ESTEEMED STAKEHOLDERS**
* **MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA**
* **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

**I GREET YOU**

* ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MANZINI AND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, I EXTEND A HEARTFELT WELCOME TO ALL WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE TODAY FOR THE 2025 BORDER-TO-BORDER CYCLING TOUR. IT IS BOTH A PRIVILEGE AND A JOY TO HAVE MANZINI SERVE AS A PROUD HOST AND ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THIS NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF SPORT, UNITY, AND RESILIENCE.
* THIS REMARKABLE CYCLING TOUR IS NOT JUST A TEST OF PHYSICAL STRENGTH; IT IS A JOURNEY OF NATIONAL PRIDE AND A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SPIRIT OF TOGETHERNESS THAT DEFINES US AS EMASWATI.
* AS THE CYCLISTS RIDE ACROSS OUR BEAUTIFUL KINGDOM, THEY ARE NOT ONLY LINKING BORDERS ON THE MAP, THEY ARE ALSO LINKING COMMUNITIES, DREAMS, AND ASPIRATIONS. THEY CARRY WITH THEM A MESSAGE OF PEACE, WELLNESS, ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, AND THE POWER OF SPORT TO TRANSFORM LIVES.
* TO OUR CYCLISTS, I SALUTE YOUR COURAGE, DETERMINATION, AND COMMITMENT. YOU ARE TRUE AMBASSADORS OF HEALTH AND PERSEVERANCE. LET THE ROAD AHEAD INSPIRE YOU, AND MAY EACH KILOMETER REMIND YOU THAT YOU ARE NOT ALONE, YOU CARRY WITH YOU THE SUPPORT AND ADMIRATION OF AN ENTIRE NATION.
* TO THE ORGANIZERS, SPONSORS, AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS, THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN THIS VISION AND MAKING IT A REALITY. YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS A TESTAMENT TO WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH WHEN GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SOCIETY, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR WORK HAND IN HAND.
* AS THE CITY OF MANZINI, WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO HOSTING INCLUSIVE, MEANINGFUL EVENTS THAT UPLIFT OUR PEOPLE, PROMOTE LOCAL TOURISM, AND STRENGTHEN NATIONAL COHESION. OUR STREETS, OUR HEARTS, AND OUR VOICES ARE OPEN AND READY TO SUPPORT YOU ON THIS JOURNEY.
* LET US CHEER LOUDLY. LET US CELEBRATE FREELY. AND LET US MOVE FORWARD –TOGETHER, STRONGER, AND MORE UNITED THAN EVER BEFORE.
* MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU. MAY YOUR SPIRIT CARRY YOU FAR**.**

**I THANK YOU!**

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