

Media Statement

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SEDIBENG DISTRICT COUNCIL APPOINTS THE NEW MUNICIPAL MANAGER OF SEDIBENG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Sedibeng District Council has appointed Mr Motsumi Mathe as the Municipal Manager of Sedibeng District Municipality with effect from 01 May 2022.

Mr Mathe (52) is a sought-after strategic leader and manager; a dedicated public servant with over 10 years' experience in the developmental sector. The municipal manager is the accounting officer of the municipality and serves as the head of municipal administration.

Mr Mathe's skills and experience saw him seconded to the struggling Metsimaholo Local Municipality (MLM) by the Free State Provincial Executive Council from February 2020 until January 2021 to set up good governance structures, systems, processes and performance driven municipality. He was then called back to Metsimaholo LM the same year in August 2021 until 30 April 2022. Mathe served as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at World Education Network, focusing on youth development and matric Bridging programmes in Sedibeng region. He also worked as lecturer at graduate and postgraduate level (Research and Statistics) at North West University/Vista. He is the former Head of Department, Research & Sector Planning at the ETDP SETA.

Mr Mathe is to lead Sedibeng District Municipality, which is located in the Southern part of Gauteng Province bordering Free State, Mpumalanga and North West. It is comprised of three local municipalities namely Lesedi, Midvaal and Emfuleni Local Municipalities. The district role is primarily cooperative governance and intergovernmental relations within the region with other legislated powers and functions. The district via its Vaal Special Economic Zone development is poised to drive transformation, modernisation and re-industrialisation of its economy characterized by medicinal cannabis; green hydrogen innovation hub; an aerotropolis and aerodrome; blue economy and tourism; food, Agriculture and agro industries value chain and a steel manufacturing sector. He is set to be the driver of the District Developmental Model (DDM) in the region.

Mathe holds a BSc degree, Honours and Masters in Social Sciences (Research) from the University of Zulu land. He completed an Advanced Management Programme (AMP) from Henley Management College (UK). His experience ranges from human capital, performance management, corporate governance and intergovernmental relations.

Mr Motsumi Mathe is born, bred and educated in Boipatong, township in the Vaal nearby ArcelorMittal Vanderbijlpark Works. Similarly, he is not new to Sedibeng District Municipality; he was employed as a Director (Municipal Systems) in 2014. He managed five business units headed by Executive Directors within the Sedibeng District as an Acting Chief Operating Officer. During his tenure as Sedibeng District senior official he managed to lead the district into achieving a 'clean audit' opinion for three consecutive years. He was awarded a National Performance Specialist of the Year by the Chartered Institute of Government Finance, Audit & Risk Officers (CIGFARO) in 2015.

Mathe is an author of three books; two (2) books are on personal mastery namely “Take Control - you are what you think”, “You control your future - mind over matter” and the third on parenting "Your child, your business". Mr Mathe replaces the late Stanley Khanyile as the Municipal Manager since his passing in 2020. Mr Mathe is a dedicated public servant, a scholar, author and a social activist.

Executive Mayor Cllr Lerato Maloka congratulates and welcomes Mr Mathe to Sedibeng District and wishes him well in his new responsibilities.

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