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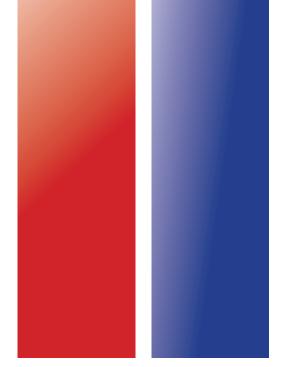
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### 1 MAYOR'S FOREWORD



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We are at a crucial time in our political life wherein political parties will be seeking fresh electoral mandate for both Provincial and National spheres of Government while at the same time, we are at a conjuncture of time where Local sphere of government is at the beginning of municipal

wide planning cycle as it is expressed through the Integrated Development Plan supported by a budget.

We will be engaging communities to make their contributions, suggestions and comments about what socio economic and developmental priorities we should focus on in the 2009/2010 financial year.

The period ahead is full of possibilities and working together we stand a better chance to fulfill a dream we collectively share of a society where better life is realized and our programme extricate the most vulnerable in society out of poverty and underdevelopment. It should be a better life in which decent jobs are created to reduce levels of unemployment and create a possibility for our people to access better services delivery and social as well as the economic infrastructure.

Sedibeng District Municipalities working in partnership with its Local Municipalities will be steaming ahead with the plans around heritage, sport and recreation and economic programmes contained in our Precincts Development.

The Vaal 21 initiative will find concrete expression through flagship programmes emanating from both Sedibeng District Municipality together with its Locals and Fezile Dabi District Municipality with its Locals on the other side of the River.

Notwithstanding technical recession in the world's economy as posed by the global economic recession and attendant challenges on global warming; like all other Municipalities and indeed the pressures in our domestic economy, Sedibeng District Municipality is faced with daunting task of inspiring economic players especially big corporations, to hold on to their investments in our region in the midst of these challenges.

We will be keeping flow and roll out the provision for energy, water and infrastructure for both industrial and household use but this will be possible if we plan together and work together to save these scares commodities and resources.

The pace of our progress in making Sedibeng a better place to live and work in has left even our hardened critics and detractors speechless, with significant progress registered in the following areas amongst our achievements;

- Developing and implementing a wide range of policies and strategies to bringing about shared economic growth and development as well as assist in the national efforts to push back the frontiers of poverty and to improve the socioeconomic conditions of our area;
- Expanding social services to improve the quality of life of all our people, and these includes our identified informal settlements;
- Building a skilled, productive and healthy Region; and
- Ensured people-centred government, which is now looking forward to three consecutive years of good financial report.

Our core output remains a long term shared vision around a united and prosperous Vaal 21 initiative which will bring enormous benefits to all our people in both sides of the Vaal River. The possibility of a strong regional economy on both sides of the Vaal River is our greatest weapon in the fight against poverty, unemployment and socio economic development.

We are aware that an equally large part of the responsibility for the success of an IDP lies in the hands of communities and stakeholders, which is why we are so pleased to partner with our communities, who are making major contributions in this regard.

I am confident that each of our Plans draws us even much closer to the realization of that vital and common vision.

Best wishes,

COUNCILLOR, Mahole Simon Mofokeng

**EXECUTIVE MAYOR**