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REMARKS BY MEC KEKANA AT THE LILA AWARDS; POLOKWANE

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Credits

Ladies and gentlemen

Receive legendary greetings from me.

Mangwalo go Baefeso 6:2-3 a bolela ka batswadi le bo mahlwa'adibona le tlhompho eo re swanelwago ke go ba neya yona.

“Hlompha tatago le mmago” ke molao wa mathomo wo o nago le kholofetšo ye e o tlaleletšago ka go re: “gore o tle o atlege, o phele nako ye telele mo lefaseng.

We are here to do exactly that. To honour and respect Our legends, which are our parents, will be honoured here tonight, in appreciation of their lifetime of commitment to the arts sector.

We are indeed grateful for their valuable contribution to society, social cohesion at most, and economic development at the heart of it.

I appreciate the fact that we are solely here to recognise the veterans in the performing arts sector who are originally from the Limpopo Province hailing from the performing art sector. These are no ordinary performers, but exceptional individuals who have made a significant impact in their respective industry for at least 20 years, and their crafts having been visible in national and international platforms. This is incredible!

We honour people who have given up years of their lives to ensure that we build a better society through performing arts. Now more than ever, the roles of individuals who shaped the performing arts in the province should be celebrated and we are therefore privileged to officially recognize our artistic legends and encourage our youth to follow in their footsteps.

Their legacy has paved the way for future performing stars and showcased in real terms the integral significance of arts in the communities we serve.

We wholeheartedly thank our legends in attendance and are mindful of those who cannot join us tonight, as we pay homage to their efforts to use arts as a tool for positive development and to heal a once divided society. It is to these men and

women that we should look to and seek advice from when we find ourselves in uncharted waters as they have weathered many a storm and accumulated a wealth of experience and now should be acknowledged as the wisest amongst us.

I know that you are looking to make history by honouring 10 Legends. What a successful story to tell.

We appreciate your efforts led by Mphoza Mashabela, and we urge you to continue to support one another with the Limpopo Arts and Culture Council, which is a statutory body mandated to support structures such as yours.

I appreciate the opportunity to be among stars this evening.

All the best and good luck!