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Re: Premier Mathabatha welcomes UAE Ambassador for Investment Talks

In a significant move to bolster economic ties and explore investment opportunities, the Premier of Limpopo, Mr Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, is honoured to host His Excellency Mahash Saeed Alhameli, the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to the Republic of South Africa, on 12 March 2024. This visit marks a pivotal moment in the strengthening of bilateral relations between Limpopo Province and the UAE, following an invitation extended to the Ambassador by Premier Mathabatha to participate in the 2023 Limpopo Investment Conference.

The Ambassador's visit is a direct outcome of proactive engagements between the Limpopo Provincial government and the UAE. These discussions, held at the UAE Embassy in Pretoria, underscored the mutual interest in fostering economic collaboration and paved the way for this landmark meeting in Limpopo.

South Africa and the UAE enjoy a robust partnership, anchored in the shared visions of their founding fathers, President Nelson Mandela and Sheikh Zayed. Since establishing formal diplomatic relations in 1994, both nations have witnessed a flourishing of bilateral and commercial ties, with the UAE emerging as a key importer of South African goods within the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). This relationship has facilitated numerous South African companies in tapping into the lucrative UAE market, benefiting from the dynamic sectors and growing air connectivity between the two countries.

The agenda for the Ambassador's visit includes a bilateral meeting with Mr. Seaparo Sekoati, Limpopo's Member of Executive Council (MEC) responsible for Provincial Treasury and leader of business in government, and Mr. Rogers Monama, MEC for Limpopo Economic Development, Environment, and Tourism. The discussions will focus on presenting provincial investment projects, with special emphasis on the Musina Makhado Special Economic Zone and the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Industrial Park, aiming to unlock potential investment opportunities for UAE businesspeople interested in Limpopo.

The MEC for Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr Thabo Mokone and the MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Ms Florence Radzilani shall join the session arising out of special interest the UAE has in these areas.

****Media Briefing Session****

Following the bilateral meeting, members of the media are invited to a briefing session at the **Fusion Boutique Hotel in Polokwane at 13:00 on 12 March 2024**. This session will provide insights into the discussions and outline the future direction of this promising partnership.

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