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LIMPOPO PREMIER DR PHOPHI RAMATHUBA WELCOMES THABAZIMBI MUNICIPALITY ADMINISTRATOR AND TEAM

The Premier of Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has officially met with Mr Mavi Paul Maseko, the Administrator appointed to lead the team tasked with restoring governance in the Thabazimbi Municipality. This meeting comes in the wake of the previous council's dissolution under Section 139 (1) (c) of the Constitution of South Africa, which allows for such intervention to ensure effective governance.

Maseko, a respected figure in the local government sector, was introduced to the Premier by the MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA), Mr. Basikopo Makamu as well as by the MEC for Provincial Treasury, Mr Kgabo Mahoi.

With extensive experience in local government, Maseko has, since 2013, been deployed across the country by various Local Government Ministers as a Section 154 support resource and as an Administrator. He was called to rescue municipalities in the North-West, Free State, Gauteng, Eastern Cape and KZN. He is one of the National Facilitator on the Senior Managers Induction Programme (SMIP) on Local Government Finance and Governance Matters.

Maseko holds an Executive Master's in Business Administration degree from De Montfort University in the UK and other post-graduate qualifications. He is renowned for his ability to broker and mediate relations between labour and administration, as well as for his skill in establishing operational systems within municipalities.

Premier Ramathuba expressed her confidence in Maseko's capabilities, stating: "We needed someone who is balanced, experienced, and focused to deal with the turmoil that has engulfed Thabazimbi. Our instructions to Mr Maseko are clear: he must get that place right, remain uncompromised, and lead this team with firmness. The people of Thabazimbi need the services they have been denied for a long time. We trust that should he or any team member go off track, the community will be the first to inform us."

The Premier further added, "We are positive that this team shall bring peace and calm to the situation in Thabazimbi."

The 12-member team commenced its work today and is expected to be introduced to the staff and the community of Thabazimbi within the week. In addition to Mr. Maseko, the team comprises experts in engineering, technical services, legal matters, governance, and finance. The remaining members are internal employees from the Municipal Infrastructure Support Agency (MISA), Provincial Treasury, and COGHSTA.

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