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**Notes by MEC for Limpopo Department of Education, Ms Mavhungu-Lerule Ramakhanya, at the Cocktail Dinner of the Provincial Skills Conference, 27 November 2024, Bolivia Lodge, Polokwane**

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Ladies and Gentlemen

Good evening to you all!

I am back again after an exciting morning session where we opened this conference. The Premier who was supposed to speak here this evening has sent her apology as she is attending to other matters of legislature and NCOP sittings. She has asked me to continue this session on her behalf.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your presence and your commitment to advancing skills development in our province.

This morning, our esteemed Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, eloquently outlined the commitments our government is making to ensure that this conference is not just a meeting of minds, but a catalyst for real change.

Her vision for industrialization as the vehicle for economic transformation and job creation in Limpopo is one, we all share and are dedicated to realising.

The presentations from our TVET colleges today were nothing short of inspiring. They have demonstrated readiness and innovation in their programmes, aligning with our industrialisation goals. However, as they rightly pointed out, the next step requires us, as government, to create the industries where these skills can be applied and flourish.

We have long waited for the beneficiation of the mining and minerals from among others, the Dilokong Corridor in the Sekhukhune area where the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Special Economic Zone will become the central coordination place. As we met with President Ramaphosa at the beginning of this month this was one area that the national government has committed to designate by the end of the financial year.

Similarly, the bottlenecks that affected the start of Musina-Makhado SEZ are being attended to, leaving great space for us to implement partnerships arising out of this conference.

I am pleased to affirm that the Limpopo Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) is poised to take decisive action in this regard. We are

committed to harnessing the insights and discussions from this conference to develop a comprehensive strategy that will support the establishment of industries and ensure that our skilled graduates have the opportunities they deserve.

The HRDC will focus on fostering partnerships between educational institutions and the private sector, facilitating the development of infrastructure and ensuring that our curriculum remains relevant to the needs of the modern economy.

We will work tirelessly to bridge the gap between education and employment, ensuring that our youth are not only skilled but also gainfully employed.

In closing, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to the National Skills Authority for being such a steadfast and dependable partner. Your support and collaboration have been invaluable, and we are committed to nurturing this relationship to achieve our shared goals.

The NSA Chairperson indicated that our work has bolstered their confidence in bringing this conference here. Let me assure you, there won't be any disappointment, we are ready to bring change to our province.

Together, with determination and unity, we will transform the economic landscape of Limpopo and create a brighter future for all its people.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of your evening.