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REMARKS BY KZN MEC FOR SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE DR NTUTHUKO MAHLABA ON THE OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF THE DONDOTHA SPORTS COMPLEX

**MFOLOZI LM, KING CETSHWAYO DISTRICT
KWESAKWAMTHETHWA**

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Inkosi...
Amakhosi asendlunkulu
Izinduna namakhansela
Abaholi bezenkolo nosomabhizinisi
Our legends from Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates
Members of the media
Ladies and Gentlemen*

Sanibonani nonke.

Siyajabula ukuba nani nonke lapha eMfolozi, eDondotha kwesakwaMthethwa.

Ngenxa yokuthi silapha namuhla ngohlelo lwezemidlalo futhi sizohlonipha labo abahambe indima ende babamba iqhaza



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kwezemidlalo bengicela sigebise amakhanda ukuhlonipha lowo owayengumdlali waMaZulu FC uJoel Faya osishiyile emhlabeni.

Moment of silence.

**~~SENGATHI UMPHEFUMULO WAKHE UNGALALA
NGOXOLO~~**

Mphakathi waseDondotha;

Ngithanda ngokuqala nje ngokuthi ngibonge amaLegends wethu ngeqhaza abalibambile nokuthi beze lapha eDondotha bezotshala imbewu yogqozi kwintsha yakithi ezokhula kusasa nayo ibe utho ezweni.

Silapha nje hhayi ngokuzovula lenkundla ezonisiza nonke, kodwa silapha futhi ukuzohlonipha nje ingqalabutho ebholeni likanobhutshuzwayo uSiyabonga “Nsimbi” Sangweni.

Silapha ukuzonikhombisa ukuthi baningi abanye oNsimbi esingabakhipha lapha. uSangweni akabanga nayo inhlanhla yokukhula edlala enkundleni enhle njengalena, kodwa ukhule ekhahlela ibhola othulini. Akazange alahle ithemba ukuthi ngelinye ilanga uyodlala ezingeni elikhulu elikhokhelwayo. Nani-ke khona lapha eDondotha ningenza okungcono ngaphezulu kukaSangweni yingakho ngithi lenkundla izodlala indima enkulu.

Kuyangijabulisa ukuthi lengqalasizinda esizoyethula namuhla sizoyiqamba ngaye uNsimbi uqobo sithi **i-SIYABONGA “NSIMBI” SANGWENI SPORTS COMPLEX.**

This R48 million sports complex is set to become a gamechanger for the district of King Cetshwayo and the northern parts of KwaZulu-Natal and it heralds a new era in sporting and recreational infrastructure by our government. I must point out that this state-of-the-art facility comprises of the main football field complete with a grandstand with change rooms, ablution and hospitality facilities as well as a grass athletic field, two additional training fields, cricket



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nets and an outdoor gym. There are also four combination court that accommodate different sporting codes including basketball, netball, tennis, 5-aside soccer and volleyball.

With this, we also mark 30 years of democracy celebrations as the field will serve to highlight the strides made by government in developing sport. This includes the provision of high quality sport facilities in previously disadvantaged areas. This is one such of the many facilities that have been constructed in rural areas to give local youth an opportunity to participate in sport on and to level the playing field.

Lapha sisebenzise imali engango **R48 million** ukwakha lenkundla ngamahlandla ehlukenene futhi sibinga noMnyango kaZwelonke wezemiDlalo, ezobuCiko namaSiko oholwa uNgqongqoshe **uZizi Kodwa** ngeqhaza abalidlalile.

Ngiphinde ngihloniphe enye yamadodana enu aphuma lapha kwesakwaMthethwa uBaba **uNathi Mthethwa** naye owabamba iqhaza ngokwakhiwa kwalenkundla.

Therefore it is safe and pleasing to say that Nsimbi joins dozens of sports luminaries like Sugar Ray Xulu who have had facilities named after them.

African child, it is possible! Dondotha child, you can emulate Nsimbi!

NamaCiko aphuma kulesiFunda saseKing Cetshwayo njengo-Saliwa, Indoni, Khuzani, Cevuzile, Ihashi eliMhlophe, Mfiliseni Magubane, Jabu Hlongwane ngisho neChunu immbala nabaningi kumele banifake ugqozi ukuthi akukho okungenzeki uma usebenza kanzima.

Uma ngiqhubeka nenkulumo yami, angiveze ukuthi silapha namuhla kwesakwaMthethwa singuHulumeni kaANC sithunywe uMongameli **uCyril Matamela Ramaphosa** noNdunankulu wethu esiFundazweni **uMama uNomusa Dube** kanye neNhlango ebuso,



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iNhlangotho yabantu u*African National Congress* ukuzonikhumbuza ukuthi kuyini ukuphila ngaphansi **kweNkululeko nobuAfrika**.

Ukunikezela ngeSiyabonga “Nsimbi” Sangweni Sports Complex kuwuphawu lwenkululeko ngoba sikhule ingqalasizinda iqanjwe ngo-Louis Botha, DF Malan nabanye abangazange babasize ngalutho abantu bakithi. Kodwa ngenxa yalenkululeko mphakathi waseDondotha sinethulela nansi indodana yenu ogama lapho liyohlale lilotshiwe emlandweni ukuthi nake nazala iqhawe.

Angikubalule ukuthi ngaphansi kophiko lwethu **iKZN Provincial Geographic Name Change** eholwa uBaba u*Sibusiso Njuqu Mhlongo* sisemkhankasweni wokubuyisa isithunzi som-Afrika ngokuthi sishintshe amagama ezindawo sifake lawo aziwa ngabantu. Kuningi esisazokushintsha. Kulandelwa imigudu ethile, asivele sivuke nje negama njengoba kwenzeka nakwezinye izindawo.

Silapha futhi ngohlelo esiluhubayo kuzo zonke izifunda, uhlelo lukaSukasambe lokuvundula ithalente, sililolonge silithuthukise. Loluhlelo silubamba futhi ngayo lenyanga esithi ngayo eyaseAfrica – AFRICA MONTH elandela i-FREEDOM MONTH iphinde yandulele i-YOUTH MONTH. Nalapha eKing Cetshwayo silethe yona lenkululeko nokuzigqaja ngobu-Afrika.

Inyanga lena yeNkululeko esiphuma kuyona u-April – **FREEDOM MONTH** – isikhumbuza okuningi osekwenziwe uHulumeni kaANC ukubumbanisa abantu. Ukuhlangana nje kanjena sizojabula kwakungabakhwekazi ngezikhathi zobandlululo lapho sasingavunyelwe nhlobo ukuhlangana sibe abantu abayiqoqo ngaphandle kokuthola imvume ngaphansi **kweGATHERING ACT**. Sasihlukaniswe nawumthetho **weGROUP AREAS ACT**.

INKULULEKO isho ukuthi siyahlangana senze okungokwethu okuhlanganisa thina kuphinde kujabulise thina. **INKULULEKO** isho ukuthi siyagqoka kanjena imifaniswano yethu ngaphandle kokuqalaza ukuthi ubani uzothini – lokhu esithi phecelezi **FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**.

ON SUKASAMBE



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First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for making **SUKASAMBE** a really workable and resoundingly successful government programme.

I really must state from the onset that while **Sukasambe – ward-based intervention programme** has its primary root in the identification, unearthing, developing and promotion of raw talent from a ward level, it is also geared to bringing to the communities a basket of services.

I am pleased that the **ANC GOVERNMENT** uses infrastructure to deliver quality of life to our people. Recently, the department delivered infrastructure projects which include libraries and combo court amounting to millions of rands.

Ladies and gentlemen;

Some of the basket of services brought by SUKASAMBE to the communities include e-sport, coaching clinics by sports legends, music masterclasses, mobile recording studios, talent search in a form of music competitions and performances featuring big artists. We want **NO ONE TO BE LEFT BEHIND** including the people of King Cetshwayo.

Today we delivered in the form of the Sports Complex!

As a collective in the fields of sports, arts, and culture, our mission is to uplift the spirits of our nation's mood through sports and the arts. Sports have the remarkable power to unite people from all walks of life, regardless of their circumstances or backgrounds.

Lokhu sikwenza sisebenzisana nezingqalabutho, labo esithi **ama-LEGENDS** abangomakade bebona kwezemidlalo noma ezikaqedisizungu. KuSukasambe sibuye sisebenzisane nama-Clubs asendaweni, izikole nezinhlaka eziningi. Sisebenzisa izindawo ezikhona emakhaya ezakhelwe ukungcebeleka njengezinkundla zezemidlalo, ama-Arts centres, amapaki, amaHholo.

Lokhu ngicela sikuthathe njengohlelo lukaqedindlala ngoba ikhono lomntwana lingamusa kude kakhulu kugcine sekunguyena owondla layikhaya. Ngikusho lokhu ngoba ngifuna nokunikhumbuza ukuthi sisabhekene namanje nezinselelo ezintathu lokhu esithi **TRIPLE**



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CHALLENGES okungukungaqashwa, ububha nokungalingani kulelizwe elithathwa njengelihamba phambili kakhulu ngokungalingani.

The same unifying effect can be found in the arts, be it performing or visual arts. Let us never lose sight of that fact. I have been in this department for four months now, and upon careful observation, it is clear that despite our efforts to merge our functions, we still do not operate as a cohesive family.

I have recognised the need to initiate something that will unite us and help us move forward purposefully. Hence, I proposed the creation of a Ward-based Intervention Programme that will enable all of us to work together with a clear sense of purpose. We have given this exercise the moniker, **SUKASAMBE** which demonstrate our urgency in hitting the ground running.

ON ELECTIONS

Ngithanda ukudlulisa umyalezo kaKhongolose sisaya okhethweni othi sonke masiphume sigqugquzele wonke umuntu nemindeni yethu ukuthi baphume bayovota.

Phambili ngoHulumeni onakekelayo, Phambili!

Phambili ngempilo engcono, Phambili

Siyaya okhethweni, Siyaya!

Thank you.