

THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR IS REDEPLOYED

In its 1st Sitting on the 06th of May 2009, the 4th Provincial Legislature of Limpopo, elected Clr. Matome Humphrey Mokgobi as one of the six permanent representatives of the province in the National Council of Provinces (NCOP). Clr. Mokgobi's acceptance to this deployment led to his sudden resignation on the same day from Mopani District Municipality, both as a Councillor and the Executive Mayor.

Clr. Humphrey Mokgobi is the 1st Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality and his 8-years of service in the district have seen him uniting the political leadership around a common vision, that of making local government work better to fight poverty and create a better life for all our people. Further testimony to his leadership success is the capacity of the municipality as an institution and its ability to maintain stability in the district through intergovernmental relations and cooperation, and more so, inclusive stakeholder relations.

The municipality will not necessarily mourn his departure, but celebrate his excellent service characterised by humbleness and dedication to the struggle of the poor and the marginalised. Indeed we will continue to be guided by his humble service to our people and always derive strength to serve our people from his words of wisdom: *'Namuntlha ku tlula Tolo, Mindzuku ku ta tlula Namuntlha'* (Today is better than yesterday and tomorrow will surely be better than today).

As we wish the Honourable Mokgobi many more days and strength to remain the humble servant of our people, we are delighted to welcome the equally capable leader, as we confirm that, the African National Congress (ANC) has replaced Clr. Mokgobi in its PR List with Clr. Leswafo Joshua Matlou. Clr. Matlou is a former Mayor of Greater Letaba Municipality and a former Provincial Chairperson of the ANC Youth League, and is currently the Deputy Regional Chairperson of ANC Mopani.