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## GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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BP	:	Business Plan
DBSA	:	Development Bank of Southern Africa
DPLG	:	Department of Provincial and Local Government
DMP	:	Disaster Management Plan
EE	:	Employment Equity
EEP	:	Employment Equity Plan
EMP	:	Environmental Management Plan
IDP	:	Integrated Development Plan
ITP	:	Integrated Transport Plan
LED	:	Local Economic Development
LUMS	:	Land Use Management System
PMS	:	Performance Management System
RDP	:	Reconstruction and Development Plan
SDBIP	:	Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan
SDF	:	Spatial Development Framework
WSDP	:	Water Services Development Plan
ZDM	:	Zululand District Municipality
MANCO	:	Management Committee
EXCO	:	Executive Committee
OHS	:	Occupational Health and Safety
HH	:	Households

## FOREWORD BY HER WORSHIP, THE MAYOR



We have indeed come a long way in ensuring that all Zululand citizens get the necessary services that they are entitled to. As Zululand District Municipality, we have an open door policy and are transparent to our communities with all the development programmes and projects we undertake. Our consultative mechanisms of bringing on board traditional leaders in order to implement service delivery more effectively has borne positive fruits. This is one of our many strategies that have been widely adopted by other districts in this province and nationally.

We pride ourselves for being trend setters and a compass in delivering improved services to the masses. I am proud to report that as a district, we have gone beyond the learning curve and have made great strides in actual service delivery. This is through dedication, selflessness and hard work of councillors and staff of our district municipality. These are ordinary women and men folk of our district who have proved their dedication towards community upliftment under very trying circumstances. We salute them and urge them to continue with the good work they are doing, this country needs people of their calibre and stature in order to prosper. May they always remember that they have a mandate to always deliver to the electorate who voted them in their positions.

As a rural district, we still have huge backlogs which are caused by the shortage of funds. We have since committed ourselves towards developing economic ties with other countries in a bid to boost our economy. Currently we are negotiating with the Spanish government

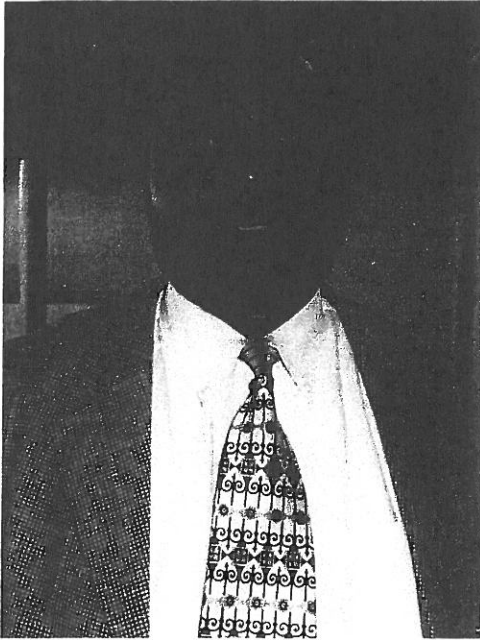
to sponsor and train our rural communities to make a living out of their livestock. This programme is yet to be launched and we are positive that it will bring about much needed job creation and sustainability to our Ulundi and Nongoma communities where it will be piloted. Our Local Economic Programme of allocating all 81 wards under our district with own funding to establish ward based projects has and continues to make a difference in people's lives. Also in this financial year, we have established a Widows and Orphans Fund whose numbers have since increased due to HIV/AIDS. These sectors of our communities are also encouraged to form co-operatives and start their own projects.

On the service delivery front, since the year 2000 we have spent more than R647 million on regional water schemes aimed at effectively delivering portable- clean water to our rural communities. These regional schemes include uSuthu, Nkonjeni, Mandlakazi, Hlahlindlela/Mondlo, Simdlangentsha East and Simdlangentsha West. To revive agricultural activities, we have bought 40 multi-purpose tractors for areas under amakhosi jurisdiction. We also have allocated large sums of money towards community gardens and building market stalls to help people sell their produce. To ensure that community projects are sustained accordingly, we have hired personnel to train communities on poultry farming, gardening etc. As ZDM council and staff, we have made a commitment to the people of Zululand to serve them with honour and integrity and we will always abide by it.

**Mayor,**

**V.Z. kaMagwaza-Msibi**

## FOREWORD BY THE SPEAKER



ZDM council has over the years functioned well and in this financial year, we have renewed energy to continue to work even harder at fulfilling our mandate given to us by the electorate. Councillors have kept their good record of participating and attending council and full council meetings. We do this because of our pledge of honour, service delivery we made to the public. Our council has undergone a process of transformation as we have seen an increase in a number of women councilors in our structure. It is imperative that we embrace these changes as they contribute to democratic principles of our country. However, I will be frank that as councilors, we still need more training to better equip us to carry out public duty more effectively.

As ZDM speaker, I am well aware of the task that we are faced with of bringing development to the masses of our people especially rural communities. Although we have made tremendous strides in bringing necessary infrastructure, we are aware that there are still huge backlogs to cover which is caused by limited budget constrains under which we operate. Our 08/09 budget of R 450 million which is the biggest we ever recorded as a district is designed to improve service delivery to the pro-poor communities. As a water service authority, naturally large sums of money go towards portable water provision and sanitation. We are proud because our regional water scheme system has been adopted by other municipalities as good practice. This is just a few of our achievements and successes that we have achieved as a district over the years.



Finally, let me take this opportunity to thank the Honourable Mayor, Councillor V.Z. kaMagwaza-Msibi for her sound leadership skills, members of the executive committee, council members, management and staff for their dedication, co-operation and hard work.

**Speaker,**

**N.J. Mjaja**