1.2 *Municipal Manager's Executive Summary*

The Annual Report for the 2022/2023 financial year has been compiled in accordance with Section 46 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000 (as amended), Section 127 (2) of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, No. 56 of 2003, as well as accompanying circulars, templates, and guidelines, in particular, MFMA Circular No. 63, issued in September 2012, added guidance to the preparation of this annual report, requiring all municipalities to report within the established framework and for such reports to be submitted to the Auditor General together with the Annual Financial Statements on or before the 31st of August each year.

This report records the performance and progress made by Metsimaholo Municipality in fulfilling its strategic objectives outlined in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), and Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) approved by Council for the year under review.

It is with great pleasure to present in this report our municipality performance in line with its 5 Key Performance Areas, namely:

- Basic Service Delivery
- Local Economic Development
- Financial Viability and Management
- Municipal Transformation and Institutional Development and
- Good Governance and Participation

While progress has been made in improving access to basic services such as water, sanitation, electricity, and waste management, there are still challenges that need to be addressed such as 'mushrooming' of informal settlements, financial constraints, revenue collection and human resource capacity.

However, we are committed as a municipality to strive, within limited resources at our disposal, to achieve the objectives regarding efficient and effective service delivery.

The low revenue collection does not only pose negative financial challenges for the municipality, but the result in an adverse cash flow position, which has negative impact towards successful project implementation and quality service delivery.

Municipality is making strides to ensure completion of current multi multi-year capital projects namely: the upgrading and rehabilitation of wastewater treatment plant(s), in Oranjeville and Refengkgotso, and the construction of our new cemetery in Amelia.

Project Management Unit has introduced improvements plans that will improve our capital expenditure and reinforcing monitoring of the completion of the above-mentioned multi-year projects, taking into consideration acceleration of service delivery and value for money thereof.

An important achievement by the Council was the appointments of Senior Managers, to strategically steer the council strategic objectives and promoting administrative stability.

Furthermore, The Municipal Council has adopted the new municipal staff regulations with quest to professionalize and instutionalize performance management system.

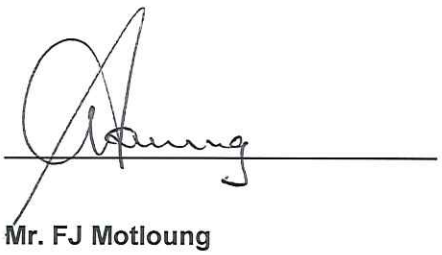
To this effect the Municipality is in process of reconfiguring its organizational structure, which is anticipated to be finalized in the near future.

Thank you to all employees, management and Council for your commitment and hard work during the past financial year. It is a privilege to be part of an organisation that is so determined to make our municipal area, which includes, Sasolburg, Deneysville and Oranjeville an inclusive, innovative, and inspired towns.

Also, a great appreciation and thank you to the community and stakeholders for their continued involvement and support in the Municipal affairs.

We shall continue to commit and accelerating the delivery of basic services to our communities.

I therefore affirm or assert that the 2022/2023 Annual Report is to my best knowledge the true reflection of what the municipality has managed to do in the financial year under review.



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