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MEDIA ALERT

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MUNICIPALITY WARNS RESIDENTS AGAINST FRAUDSTER IMPERSONATING MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO PROMISE ROAD RESEALING WORK

Metsimaholo Local Municipality wishes to alert members of the public to a fraudulent individual who is allegedly **impersonating the Municipal Manager, Mr Basi Motloung**, using cellphone number **063 369 0500**, to deceive unsuspecting residents by promising them opportunities to participate in the **resealing of roads within the Metsimaholo municipal area**.

The Municipality wishes to categorically distance itself from these claims and clarify that **the allegations and promises being made by this individual are baseless, false and misleading**. The Municipal Manager has not authorized anyone to recruit individuals, allocate work or make promises on his behalf regarding the resealing of municipal roads. **The Municipal Manager would never engage in such practices**, nor would any legitimate municipal project be allocated through unsolicited telephone calls or personal promises.

Metsimaholo Local Municipality further emphasizes that **no municipal official or councillor is authorized to promise, guarantee or allocate municipal work, projects or tenders to any individual outside the established municipal processes**. All municipal projects, including road resealing, are undertaken in accordance with prescribed procurement, supply chain management, and administrative procedures. These processes are designed to promote transparency, accountability, fairness and equal opportunities for all eligible service providers.

The Municipality therefore calls on residents, businesspeople, and prospective service providers to **remain vigilant and not fall victim to these fraudulent schemes**. Members of the public are strongly advised not to entertain such promises, make any payments, share personal or financial information, or enter any arrangements with individuals claiming to secure municipal road resealing work on their behalf.

Anyone who has been contacted by this individual using cellphone number **063 369 0500** is urged to exercise caution and report the matter to the relevant authorities. Residents are also encouraged to verify any information concerning municipal projects directly with the Municipality through its recognized official communication channels.

Metsimaholo Local Municipality will not tolerate the misuse of its name, the impersonation of its leadership or any attempt to mislead members of the public for personal gain. The Municipality remains committed to ensuring that all municipal projects are implemented through lawful, transparent, and accountable processes.

The Municipality reiterates that road resealing projects are not awarded through personal promises, telephone calls or unofficial intermediaries. Residents and prospective service providers must always follow the established municipal processes.

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