

Media Release

Polokwane 28 February 2023 -The CEO of Musina Makhado Special Economic Zone (MMSEZ) Lehlogonolo Masoga and the Head of Customer Partnering, Lungelo Ntobongwana of the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MMSEZ and SABS.

The purpose of the MOU is to regulate the collaborative relationship between the two parties, MMSEZ and the SABS in the following areas; systems development, design intervention, training on standards and systems.

According to Masoga, the MoU has come at a very strategic time for the company as it nears operational phase, amongst others the agreement means that products manufactured by the MMSEZ will carry the SABS seal of quality approval. One of these manufactures is a Chinese investor who is in the manufacturing of asphalt for road construction. “Before the product can be used in the country, it will have to satisfy the rigorous requirements demanded by the SABS.”

Ntobongwana urged the two parties to give meaningful effect to the MOU by ensuring that it gets implemented.

“ The SABS is excited about the partnership with MMSEZ. The potential of the MOU can ignite the local economy, through focusing on testing and certification of the products and processes and ensuring quality”.”

The strategic partnership will amongst others ensure that the two parties are empowered to give meaningful effect to the economic recovery of the country as pronounced by President Cyril Ramaphosa. Similarly the MoU will also contribute to the transformation of the South African economy.

The MoU also empowers the two partners to collaborate in finding mutually beneficial business and scientific solutions that can be commercialised in partnership with academic institutions in Limpopo Province i.e. University of Limpopo, University of Venda and the Vhembe TVET.

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