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MEC Virginia Tlhapi appoints Mojalefa Nale as NWDC CEO

COOKES LAKE, MAHIKENG – MEC Virginia Tlhapi, responsible for the Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation, and Tourism (DEDECT), officially introduced Mr Mojalefa Nale as the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the North West Development Corporation. (NWDC).

The announcement was made during a special Board Meeting of the NWDC Board of Directors and the executive management of both Department and NWDC recently.

In her address, MEC Tlhapi expressed appreciation to the agency's Acting CEO, Mr Kabelo Mafokwane, and the board of directors for maintaining the agency's stability until the appointment of the new term of office of the NWDC CEO. She commended the Board and Management for diligently ensuring the CEO position had been advertised and filled.

MEC Tlhapi highlighted Mr Nale's familiarity with the province, NWDC, and the Department, citing his previous roles as the acting Head of the Department, Chief Director for the department's Integrated Economic Development Services, and former CEO of the NWDC, among others.

Mr Mojalefa Nale brings with him passion, enthusiasm and a wealth of experience and knowledge in economic development, leadership and the socio-economic landscape of the North West Province.

Mr Nale is a former CEO and former Acting Chief Operations Officer of the NWDC. He served as the seconded CEO of Invest North West during 2012/13, where he was instrumental in the successful amalgamation of the NWDC, Mahikeng Industrial Development Zone (MIDZ) and former Invest North West into one economic development agency for the North West Province.



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Mr Nale holds an MSc in Macro Economic Policy and Planning in Developing Countries from the University of Bradford (UK), a Diploma in Development Economics from the University of Bradford and a Certificate Programme in Law from UNISA, to highlight a few.

Considering his vast experience, MEC Tihapi urged Mr Nale and the NWDC Board to continue the agency's efforts to sustain its operations and enhance revenue collection for the province.

"I trust that the board and the management of both the agency and the department will give Mr Nale all the support he needs to revitalize the NWDC. I am relying on you to ensure the NWDC succeeds in its mandate of growing the economy of the North West Province," MEC Tihapi emphasized.

Mr Nale resumed his term of office on the 2nd January 2024, thanked MEC Tihapi and the NWDC Board of Directors for entrusting him with the responsibility of leading the agency's administrative operations. He accepted the challenge outlined by the MEC and pledged that the NWDC would do everything in its power to realize its mandate of developing and growing the economy for the betterment of the people of North West Province.

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