

TLM MAYOR'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT DURING ANGLO AMERICAN AMANDELBULT COMPLEX SOCCER LEAGUE MATCHES HELD AT IPELEGENG SPORTSGROUND

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**Programme Director,
Management Team of Anglo American Amandelbult Complex,
SA Legends present here,
All Team Management and Coaches,
All players present here,
Our spectators and community members,
All protocol observed,**

Good morning!!!!Dumelang!!!!

Welcome to this important event. I also want to thank Anglo American Amandelbult Complex Management team for considering Ipelegeng Sportsground here in Thabazimbi as the grand venue for today's League games.

Ladies and gentlemen, our country celebrated Women's Day two days ago under the theme: ***"100 Years of Albertina Sisulu, Woman of Fortitude: Women United in Moving South Africa Forward"***. ***As the municipality we are saying No to Women and Child abuse.***

Programme Director: Let me come back to the order of the day; we are proud to host this Anglo American Amandelbult Complex Soccer League. We also welcome the initiatives of rotation system that you are currently implementing in taking games to various areas. I think you will agree, the initiatives mentioned deserve a round of applause.

Programme Director, we seek to encourage young people to demonstrate civic pride and to become actively involved in arts, culture, sports, recreation and heritage so as to create a socially

cohesive society. Sport is a universal language, something that is understood by all, or most of the world's population. Therefore, we believe this to be one of the most effective ways to build and achieve a caring, united and socially cohesive Municipality.

I am reminded of the words Dr Nelson Mandela (**May his soul rest in peace**), a world statesman and this country's first President in our new democracy, who once said and I quote: "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. Sport can awaken hope where there was previously only despair," Unquote.

As we host this Soccer League, let me assure you that we are committed to continuing the legacy of Tata Madiba.

Programme Director; as I conclude, I wish all the best to participating teams today. Let the best teams win to improve their log standing. Furthermore, I would like to thank Anglo American Amandelbult Complex for bring to us the Soccer Legends and this important games to our area.

I thank you.