

THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

LAUNCHING OF HOUSING PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTHAM PLATINUM

RECREATIONAL CLUB -NORTHAM PLATS 14 NOVEMBER 2006

Welcome Speech by the honourable Mayor-Cllr. Naledi Matlou

The Honourable Premier

The MEC for Local Government

The Executive Mayor of Waterberg

Fellow Councillors

The CEO of Northam Platinum Mine

The General Manager of Northam Platinum Mine

Provincial Senior Managers and Officials present here today,

Municipal Senior Managers and officials here today,

Members of the media present here and ladies and gentlemen

I am highly honoured to welcome such an important audience to Thabazimbi Local Municipality.

The motto of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality is "working together for prosperity". This housing partnership being launched today is what we stand for as Thabazimbi Municipality. This is the same message that government continues to convey to the private Sector, Labour and the general public to work together, to pull together all our resources and to channel them in a co-ordinated way towards a better life for all.

As a municipality, we are committed to strengthening working relations with all our stakeholders to address the service delivery challenges and backlogs. I have no doubt that the presence of the highest political office in the province is a clear demonstration that government is highly

committed to this partnership and to the creation of vibrant communities and strengthening families through the provision of proper housing and shelter.

Madam Programme Director, I must also take this opportunity to point out that the development of Northam has placed a heavy strain on the services we need to provide to residents and businesses in and around Northam such as water and sanitation. Of critical importance is the building of waste water treatment plant infrastructure with adequate capacity to handle the rate of development taking place in this area.