

**Welcome Address by Herworship, Cllr PA Mosito during the
Motlhabatse community land hand over, 15 June 2012, Colchester
Farm, Motlhabatse, Thabazimbi Municipality**

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**Programme Director,
Deputy Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform
Executive Mayor of Waterberg District, Mme Tlotlanang Mogotlane,
Fellow councilor of Thabazimbi Municipality,
Officials from both TLM and Department of Rural Development and
Land Reform
Sector departments,
Media houses present here
Community of Motlhabatse
Ladies and Gentlemen**

It is indeed, honour, and privilege to address you on this august occasion. I wish to take this opportunity to extend a special welcome to the Deputy Minister for gracing this important event. I wish to indicate from the onset that this is a historic moment in that a family, the Motlhabatse community will have its dignity restored when they take occupation of the Colchester Farm.

Programme Director

Let me salute the new landowners and say: Halala Bodudi ba Motlhabatse, Halala! Le buile Lefatshe Le buile!

Today is a day of celebration in Motlhabatse, Lefatshe le bo etse beng ba lona! Indeed today, you are putting away the garment of mourning;

you are putting on a garment of joy and happiness as we celebrate the return of your ancestral land.

Programme Director

This occasion marks not only the physical return of the land, but also the restoration of the identity, and heritage of the Motlhabatse community. I am happy to be part of this historic moment as you receive the title deed for your land.

Today we are here to witness the fulfillment of the promise of the Constitution, where your land is being returned to you. We echo the words of Dr Nelson Mandela and say 'Never Again' shall people be denied their rights on the basis of the colour of their skin

I wish to congratulate the Motlhabatse on repossessing the land and I wish to appeal to all relevant departments to provide the necessary assistance to ensure that the farm is workable and productive.

Programme Director, I once more welcome all of you to Thabazimbi and wish you enjoyable day. Our hospitality is at your service.

I thank you!