WELCOME REMARKS BY HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR OF TLM DURING THE COVID~19 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME HELD AT AMANDELBULT MINE COMPLEX ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 10:00

## Programme Director

Our MEC for Department of Health, Dr Phophi Ramathuba
Executive Mayor of Waterberg District, Cllr Morris Mataboge,
The CEO of Anglo American Platinum, Ms Natasha Viljoen
Management of Anglo American Amandelbult Platinum Complex,
All officials and stakeholders,
The leadership of AMCU
The leadership of NUM
The leadership of UASA
All mine workers present here,
Members of the Media

## Good morning!!! Dumelang!!!!

On behalf of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality and on my personal behalf, I would like to welcome you all to the Covid-19 Vaccination Outreach Programme here in Amandelbult Platinum Complex under Thabazimbi Local Municipality. A special welcome to our MEC for Health, Dr Phophi Ramathuba who is always available and busy traveling around to make sure that the communities and citizens of Limpopo get vaccinated.

Programme Director; The Covid-19 Pandemic has impacted almost every corner of our life, causing global economies to stall, changing the way we work and interact with our loved ones, and stretching healthcare systems to their limits. Governments around the world have been forced to implement harsh restrictions on human activity to curb the spread of the virus.

We have been following all preventive measures as advised by public health experts like wearing of masks, frequent washing of hands and physical distancing and still we are not there.

Covid-19 vaccination is now offering a way to transition out of this phase of the pandemic. Without them, natural herd immunity will not be able to sufficiently restore society to its normal status quo and that it would have resulted in extreme fatality.

It is clear that vaccines will allow society to get back to 'normal' and for restrictions to be permanently eased. Our MEC, Thabazimbi Local Municipality was once regarded as the "Hot~Spot" for Covid-19 sometimes last year. We are a mining Municipality with more than 10 mines. We all know there is huge population in the mining areas and the informal settlements around our Municipality. There is always lots of people coming to look for employment around the mines.

Programme Director; let me not take lot of your time. You are all welcome and wish you all a very fruitful vaccination Roll~out campaign.

I thank you.