

**SPEECH BY THE MAYOR OF ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CLLR
JULIA LATA MATHEBE DURING MAYORAL BUSINESS ROUND TABLE
DISCUSSION HELD AT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY GARDENS ON THE 13TH
SEPTEMBER 2018**

Programme Director,

Honourable Speaker, Cllr Tladi

Chief Whip of council, Cllr Phahlamohlaka

Executive committee member

Business Leaders present here

My colleagues councillor present here,

Municipal Manager and Her Team

Media and distinguished guests

Good Evening

It is a privilege to us today to be joined by the a group distinguished men and women of business leaders from across the municipality especially in Groblersdal for the Mayoral Business Roundtable, an initiative aimed at identifying strategies that would enable us to forge partnerships of mutual beneficiation. It is an obligation bestowed on us to create an enabling environment through policies and provision of infrastructure network to assist your businesses to thrive. Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality is not these building because these building can become a building of another entity. Elias Motsoaledi local Municipality is but a combination of Municipal Council consisting of Councillors, Administration and communities consisting of all Stakeholders inclusive of yourselves as Business people.

The contributions of Businesses owned by yourselves is immense and affect positively to the social upliftment of our communities. You have employed multitudes of our people and enabled them to feed their families. Again, you are continuously paying property rates, which enables the municipality to fulfil some of its service delivery mandate and obligation and reduce the municipality's reliance on Grants.

The success of businesses in Elias Motsoaledi and Groblersdal in particular is sacrosanct and cannot be overemphasized. The thriving of Business and investment is the nucleus upon which our success is based on. It is for that reason that we thought its necessary to convene today's session.

I believe meeting with you tonight will help to better position us to:

- Obtaining private sector input for enhancing and streamlining government processes and procedures.
- Creating the environment that is conducive for entrepreneurship and innovating.
- Developing public private partnership to make better use of the municipal assets and improvement of quality of services to residents.
- Improving the quality of life for the residents of this municipality.

Our effort to expand settlement capacity of Groblersdal Town is realizable as we are currently in the process of mobilizing resources for installation of infrastructure services for the proposed township at the then game farm.

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality has made submission to NERSA and all relevant authorities in an attempt to increase its revenue base by acquiring Electricity distribution licenses for the following areas: Game Farm, Twin City Mall, Groblersdal and, MapochGrond in ward 30.

The Municipality is planning to upgrade the current Groblersdal substation from 20MVA to 40MVA, as it will soon reach its full capacity, which will otherwise have a positive impact on the economic growth of the municipality.

Programme director as I conclude allow me to indicate projects that will be implemented and funded internally by our collection revenue: **Energy efficiency and Demand site management, Installation of electrical meters in Groblersdal, Upgrading of Groblersdal substation and Groblersdal Roads and Streets.**

The Chief Financial Officer will brief you on the financial position of the municipality, our budget and revenue collection enhancement strategies.

I hope that we will constantly meet and have roundtable discussions about issues that affect our people, generate ideas and help each other realise our 2030 vision.

Together we can do more

I thank you