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MEDIA STATEMENT

NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON OF THE SACP AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ANC, GWEDE MANTASHE TO DELIVER ANNUAL DR YUSUF DADOO MEMORIAL LECTURE IN MOGALE CITY

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EMBARGO: NONE

Mogale City Local Municipality wishes to announce that it has secured the National Chairperson of the South African Communist Party (SACP) and Secretary of the African National Congress (ANC) to deliver the second Annual Dr Yusuf Dadoo Memorial Lecture at the Centenary Hall in Mogale City on the 12th September 2010.

Mogale City is a proud home of many of South Africa's struggle heroes and heroines. It counts, amongst others, the late internal operative of Umkhonto We Sizwe, Ahmed Timol who was dropped to his death from the tenth floor of the notorious John Vorster police station in 1971. Archbishop Emeritus of the Anglican Church, Desmond Tutu grew up in the city.

Dr Yusuf Dadoo, who would have turned 100 years last year, was a leading theoretician and philosopher of the Communist Party of South Africa. He is credited by the late Joe Slovo as the man who kept the party alive during the difficult years of exile. Communities of Mogale City honoured this stalwart through renaming the Paardekraal Hospital after him. The Executive Mayor of Mogale City, Cllr Keketso Seerane, has championed a programme to celebrate the illustrious life of Dr Yusuf Dadoo on an annual basis. The inaugural annual lecture was delivered by SACP Central Committee member, Benny Martins, whilst former Education Minister, Kader Asmal, addressed our Dadoo Centenary gala dinner which was graced by the Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, Kgalema Motlanthe.

South Africa celebrates heritage and tourism annually in the month of September. Mogale City, the City of Human Origin, has been the site of all national heritage celebrations at the Cradle of Humankind, from the launch of heritage month since the first democratic elections. A decision was taken by the SA Cabinet to rotate the celebrations from 2008. However, the spotlight on the city during this month has not waned and a string of celebration activities have been lined up by the municipality.

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The following activities fill a hectic menu:

11 September: **GPG Pale Ya Rona Children's Carnival**, Magaliesburg, from 14h00-17h00 and held in partnership with Gauteng Education Department & Gauteng Department Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation [Postponed due to public servants strike]

12 September: **Annual Dr Yusuf Dadoo Memorial Lecture,**
Theme: *Commemoration of a life of sacrifice, principles and dedication to the revolution*
Delivered by SACP Chairperson & ANC S-G, Gwede Mantashe Centenary Hall, Civic Centre, Mogale City (11h00 – 15h00)

13-17 September: **Local Government Week**
A series of activities aimed at popularising the localisation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) will be unveiled.

20-22 September: **Heritage Crafts Exhibition**, Cnr Monument and Commissioner Street, Mogale City CBD

24 September: **Jazz Festival** featuring international act, Babyface, and local acts including Lira, Hugh Masekela, Ringo Madlingozi and others; Coronation Park, Mogale City from 10h00 to midnight

24-26 September: **Mogale City Sho't Left Exhibitions**, Menlyn Park Shopping Centre, Tshwane & Sandton City Mall, City of Joburg

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