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ADDRESS BY EXECUTIVE, LUCKY SELE, AT THE MOGALE CITY CIVIC CENTRE PHASE 1 OFFICE BUILDING UNVEILING

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Speaker of Council, Doreen David,
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Members of the Mayoral Committee,
Senior Management Team of the city,
Our partners in government, the private sector
Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen
Today, we are not merely opening a building. We are opening a new chapter in the story of Mogale City.

We are gathered here to unveil a landmark that will change how our municipality presents itself to the world, how our administration accommodates its responsibilities and how we imagine the future of Krugersdorp Central Business District.

Before us stands a modern, six-storey building, distinguished by its expansive glass façade, contemporary architectural lines and commanding presence in the heart of our city.

But its significance extends far beyond its architecture.

This building represents ambition translated into infrastructure. It represents a vision taking physical form. And it represents our determination that Mogale City must not simply inherit its future, but actively build it.



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As Executive Mayor, I am particularly proud that we are opening this landmark during my tenure. I recognise that municipal development is the work of institutions, professional officials, partners and many people whose contributions make projects possible. My responsibility as the political head of this municipality is to provide direction, champion that ambition and ensure that the work of development continues to move from intention to implementation.
Today, we can point to something tangible.
We can point to a building that was once a vision and is now a landmark in the heart of Krugersdorp.

And that is where our story must begin.

Programme Director,

Krugersdorp has a long and proud history. It has served as a centre of commerce, industry, administration and community life in the West Rand. Its streets, buildings and institutions tell the story of generations who contributed to the growth of this municipality.

Our municipal offices form part of that heritage.

The original offices were built in the nineteenth century, in an era when the municipality was very different from the institution we know today. Those offices served their purpose and became part of our civic identity. For generations, they provided a home for municipal administration.



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We must respect that history.

But we must equally recognise that the responsibilities of a modern municipality cannot be defined by the physical limitations of the nineteenth century.

Our population has grown. The demands on our administration have changed. The complexity of local government has increased. Our people expect professional, accessible and efficient services, while our municipality must position itself to respond to new economic and developmental opportunities.

The question before us has therefore never been whether our history matters. It is whether we are prepared to build on that history and create infrastructure appropriate to the future we want.

Today, we are answering that question.

The development of the Civic Centre Office Park, beginning with Phase 1 and extending through our ambitions for Phase 2, marks an important transition in the physical identity of our municipality.

For many years, our municipal headquarters have been affectionately known as the “White House”. That name is part of the familiar history of our city. But as our civic precinct develops, I want the identity of Mogale City to be increasingly associated with modern architecture, institutional excellence and visible progress.



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When people enter Krugersdorp, I want them to see a city that is investing in its future.

When our residents approach this building, I want them to recognise an institution that respects their dignity and takes its responsibilities seriously.

When our officials enter these offices, I want the environment to remind them of the importance of their work and the standard of service expected of them.

And when investors look at our CBD, I want them to see a municipality that understands that public infrastructure is not only about accommodation; it is also about confidence, economic activity and the future of our city.

We are not abandoning our history. We are building the next chapter of it.

The contrast between our historic municipal offices and this modern six-storey building captures that transition. One tells the story of where our municipality comes from. The other signals what we are preparing to become.

And with Phase 2, our ambition is to continue that transformation, creating a civic precinct that reflects the stature and potential of Mogale City.

Ladies and gentlemen,



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There is one image from this development that captures my ambition for Krugersdorp CBD more powerfully than almost anything else.

It is the image of the single construction crane that stood in the heart of our CBD while this building was taking shape.

To the construction team, it was equipment used to raise a six-storey building.

To me, it represented a possibility.

It was a visible reminder that something different could happen in our city centre. That development could take place here. That investment could find expression in steel, concrete and glass. That the appearance of our CBD was not fixed forever, and that we had the ability to change it.

But, Programme Director, I do not want the story of Krugersdorp CBD to be remembered as the story of one crane.

My ambition is to see that single crane multiply across our CBD.

I want to see more cranes rising above our city centre. I want to see old buildings renovated, underutilised properties redeveloped and new commercial spaces taking shape. I want to see property owners regain confidence in their assets and investors identify opportunities in places where they may previously have seen limited potential.



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I want our city centre to become a place where development is visible, where investment generates activity and where businesses can see a future worth committing to.

One crane must inspire another. One development must create confidence in the next. One investment must help unlock further investment.

That is the momentum we must build.

Of course, we must be clear about what this ambition requires. Cranes do not multiply because a mayor wishes them to. They multiply when a city creates the conditions for investment: credible development plans, reliable infrastructure, effective municipal services, a functional urban environment and partnerships that make projects viable.

Our responsibility is to help create those conditions.

We must work with property owners, businesses, developers and investors. We must identify opportunities, address obstacles and ensure that our plans are supported by implementation.

And as new developments take shape, we must make sure that local businesses and enterprises have opportunities to participate in the economic activity they generate.



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The true measure of this building will not only be that we have constructed six storeys, but whether we help unlock the next six developments across our CBD.

That is the ambition I want us to carry from this ceremony into our daily work.

I want the people of Mogale City to look at Krugersdorp in the years ahead and see evidence of a city centre being renewed, a local economy being strengthened and an established urban area finding new life.

Let this single crane be remembered as a symbol of the beginning of that ambition.

Programme Director,

Let us also speak about what this building means for the institution that will occupy it.

Phase 1 comprises approximately 13,600 square metres of gross floor area, including 5,600 square metres of usable office space. It brings together key municipal functions that were previously dispersed across different locations in the CBD.

These include Economic Development Services, Strategic Infrastructure Projects, Financial Management Services, the Chief Audit Executive and Operations Management.



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Consolidating these functions creates an opportunity to improve coordination, strengthen institutional efficiency and make better use of municipal resources.

The facility incorporates lifts, ramps, accessible ablutions and information and communications technology to support modern administrative operations.

These are important features of a contemporary civic facility. But we must never confuse a modern building with a modern administration.

The building provides the environment. Our people must provide the excellence.

The officials working here must continue to demonstrate professionalism, integrity, discipline and a commitment to serving the public. Departments must work together. Resources must be managed responsibly. Decisions must translate into action, and residents must experience the difference in the quality of services they receive.

We must therefore measure this investment not only by its architectural appearance or the number of offices it provides, but by the value it delivers to the municipality.

Does it help our departments coordinate their work more effectively? Does it support more efficient operations? Does it improve the way residents' access municipal services? Are we maintaining the facility properly and protecting the value of public investment?

These are the questions that must guide us after the celebrations are over.



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I also want to acknowledge the officials, technical professionals, project teams and partners whose work has brought us to this day. A development of this nature requires planning, coordination, expertise and sustained effort.

Our appreciation must be accompanied by a commitment to ensure that the building is used effectively and maintained to the standard it deserves.

We are investing in more than office space. We are investing in the institutional capacity through which Mogale City must fulfil its mandate.

And we must ensure that this capacity ultimately serves our residents.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Civic Centre Office Park must not become an island of modernity surrounded by a CBD that remains unchanged.

That would fall short of the opportunity before us.

The real promise of this development lies in its potential to contribute to the wider regeneration of Krugersdorp.

A functioning government precinct brings people into the city centre. Officials work



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here. Residents visit to access services. Suppliers, businesses and professional service providers interact with the municipality. That activity can create demand for transport, food outlets, retail, business services and other enterprises in the surrounding area.

We must deliberately connect this investment to the wider economy.

We must work towards a CBD where public buildings, commercial properties, businesses, public spaces and transport infrastructure function as parts of a coherent urban environment.

We must pay attention to the condition of our streets, the safety of our public spaces, the productive use of properties and the conditions under which businesses operate.

We must engage property owners and create opportunities for private investment to complement public investment.

We must also ensure that the economic opportunities created by urban regeneration are accessible to local enterprises, including small businesses and emerging entrepreneurs.

This is how we move from constructing a building to contributing to the renewal of a city.

Mogale City has a substantial economic role within the West Rand. The 2024/25



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Gauteng Municipal Economic Review and Outlook places our municipality's gross domestic regional product at approximately R39.4 billion, representing 46.3% of the West Rand District economy.

That contribution gives us both an opportunity and a responsibility.

Our CBD must reflect the economic importance of our municipality. It must be capable of supporting commerce, government, professional services, retail and other activities that sustain a productive urban economy.

We must also recognise that regeneration requires partnerships. The municipality cannot finance and undertake every development on its own. We must lead, prepare viable opportunities, invest responsibly and work with stakeholders who can bring additional capital, expertise and enterprise into the CBD.

Our task is to make Krugersdorp a place where investment can find a home and where the benefits of development extend beyond individual properties.

That is the wider purpose to which this Civic Centre must contribute.

Programme Director,

Today, we celebrate the achievement before us. But our ambition cannot end at the doors of this building.



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Phase 1 is an important step towards a broader civic precinct. Our plans for Phase 2 must build on this foundation and advance the transformation of our municipal presence in the CBD, subject to the necessary planning, financial considerations and implementation arrangements.

We must continue exploring opportunities to accommodate additional government functions, make productive use of our assets and strengthen the economic activity associated with the precinct.

The objective is not simply to build more offices. It is to create a civic environment that contributes to the functioning of government and the vitality of the city around it.

This must form part of a wider approach to urban regeneration.

Our established CBD and our emerging development nodes must not be treated as competing futures. They must be connected through sound spatial planning, appropriate infrastructure and a shared commitment to economic development across Mogale City.

We must continue to pursue opportunities in commerce, manufacturing, tourism, education, property development and other sectors that can strengthen our economic base.

We must welcome investment from within South Africa, across the African continent and internationally. But we must also ensure that our investment ambitions are



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supported by credible projects, sound preparation and partnerships that protect the municipality's interests.

We must demonstrate that Mogale City is a municipality that can turn opportunity into implementation.

Our progress must be visible in completed projects, productive public assets, renewed properties, stronger business activity and an urban environment that gives people greater confidence in the future.

That is the standard we must set for ourselves.

Ladies and gentlemen,

There is a responsibility that comes with occupying public office.

We inherit institutions built by previous generations. We inherit assets, infrastructure, challenges and opportunities. Our responsibility is to preserve what is valuable, address what must change and leave our municipality better prepared for the generations that follow.

The nineteenth-century municipal offices remind us of the foundations upon which our city was built.

This six-storey Civic Centre represents our determination to build upon those



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foundations.

And the crane that stood in the heart of our CBD represents the possibilities that still lie ahead.

I want this moment to be remembered not merely as the day a new building was opened, but as a moment that strengthened our determination to renew Krugersdorp and reposition Mogale City for the future.

I want us to be able to look back and see that this development was part of a broader change in the way we approached our city centre.

That we moved beyond accepting the condition of the CBD as inevitable.

That we began to turn our ambitions into visible projects.

That we encouraged investment, strengthened our public infrastructure and created conditions for businesses and communities to benefit from the renewal of our urban environment.

And that we understood the difference between building for the municipality and building a municipality that works for its people.

As Executive Mayor, that is the legacy I want to pursue: a municipality whose progress can be seen in its infrastructure, whose ambition is reflected in its



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development, whose administration is committed to serving its people and whose economic potential is translated into practical opportunities.

No single building can achieve all of this. No single administration can complete every aspect of urban regeneration.

But every meaningful investment gives us an opportunity to move forward, provided we build on it with discipline, consistency and purpose.

That is why today's opening is both a celebration and a responsibility.

Programme Director, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

As we prepare to officially open this magnificent building, I want us to remember three things.

First, we honour the history of Krugersdorp, but we must never allow our past to place limits on our future.

Second, we have a responsibility to ensure that this modern civic precinct strengthens our institution and contributes to the regeneration of the CBD around it.

And third, we must be bold enough to imagine a city centre transformed by sustained investment and determined implementation.



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When we leave this ceremony today, I want us to carry with us the image of that single crane.

I want us to remember what it represented and what it challenged us to achieve.

Because my ambition is not simply to see a beautiful building standing in the heart of Krugersdorp.

My ambition is to see the skyline of our CBD transformed. I want to see more cranes, more developments, more investment and more businesses choosing Krugersdorp as a place to build their future.

I want our city centre to become a visible expression of the confidence, enterprise and potential of Mogale City.

And I want the people of this municipality to look at what is being built around them and know that the future of their city is not standing still.

Today, we open the doors of Phase 1.

Tomorrow, our responsibility is to build on this achievement, advance our wider civic precinct ambitions and work towards a CBD that reflects the promise of our municipality.



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Let this building stand as a landmark of our determination to modernise, our commitment to public service and our ambition to renew the heart of Mogale City.

Let it remind us that the future is not built by words alone, but by the decisions we make, the investments we pursue and the work we are prepared to do.

One building must lead to more. One crane must become many. And one landmark must become part of a citywide story of renewal.

With those words, it is my distinct honour and privilege, as Executive Mayor of Mogale City, to officially declare open the Mogale City Civic Centre Office Park Phase 1.

May this be the beginning of a new era of development in Krugersdorp CBD.

May the cranes multiply.

And may the progress we begin here translate into a stronger municipality, a more vibrant city centre and a better future for our people.

Thank you.