

## **Tshwane Automotive Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Ground-Breaking Launch**

**Welcome Remarks by: *The Executive Mayor of the City of Tshwane, Cllr Stevens Mokgalapa***

Tuesday, 05 November 2019

Programme Director

The President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa

Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr. Ebrahim Patel

Premiers of Gauteng, Mr. David Makhura

The CEO of Ford Motor Company

Members of My Mayoral Committee present here today

Officials from National, Provincial and Local Government

Business Leaders

Members of the Press

Distinguished guests.

Mošomo o tšhaba diatla



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It's an immense pleasure to be afforded the privilege of welcoming you to the ***Tshwane Automotive Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Ground Breaking Launch.***

The Special Economic Zone programme is integral to governments' efforts to reignite economic growth by attracting strategic direct investment for sustainable growth and development.

Mr President,

On behalf of residents and SMMEs, I take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to you for ensuring that a development of this nature comes to fruition.

The City has set a target of R10 billion in investments for this financial year.

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I'm looking forward to exceeding this target significantly so residents can enjoy the full benefit of economic activities that create jobs and improve their quality of life.

The Tshwane Automotive Special Economic Zone will assist in driving Tshwane into a leading automotive investment destination and provide an array of job creation, skills development and small business opportunities.

The City of Tshwane aims to build a high-growth economy where all its people will be able to fulfil their true potential.

It is through access to opportunities such as these that give meaning to life alongside hard won freedoms and rights. Dignity is strongly linked to being able to work.

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Having a vested interest in this automotive park, the City has also ensured that it's prioritised and fast-tracked through the STRIC process that identifies strategic service delivery projects.

As the City of Tshwane, we're committed to fostering closer relationships with all spheres of government and critical stakeholders in a concerted effort to position our economy as an ideal investment destination.

Today demonstrates just that, a working partnership amongst all three spheres of government, private sector, labour and the community working in unison.

I am humbled and excited to be part of this ground-breaking event.

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I look forward to witnessing the fruits that it will bear once completed in December 2020 and also assess its contribution to the unique elements that are entrenched in the City.

Let me, once again, welcome you to the City of Tshwane, the City that “Ignites Excellence”.

The tagline remains: ***Mosomo O Tshaba Diatla.***

Thank you!

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