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Message From The MEC



My mandate as the MEC responsible for Economic Development and Tourism matters in the Province is to oversee the work of the Department in nurturing and growing the economy of the Province. Equally, the Department is tasked mainly with two priorities that are very key to the development of the society, namely; inclusive growth and job creation, as well as, issues around poverty and how to tackle the issue of high cost of living.

The Premier of Mpumalanga, Mr. Mandla Ndlovu directed the 7th Administration to work tirelessly to improve the lives of our people. In line with the directive of the Premier, I have a responsibility to ensure that through this Department, government is able to address the triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality and many other social ills.

As the *dedt*, we have four Public Entities which are our implementing agents; namely, the Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA), Mpumalanga Economic regulator (MER), Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) and the newly established Nkomazi SEZ.

Therefore, I am pleased to present this special newsletter, which details the work we have done, since assuming responsibility as the MEC. The newsletter outlines the interventions we have made in response to the directives from the manifesto of the governing party in Mpumalanga, the African National Congress.

As the Department, we are surely hard at work engaging stakeholders across all economic sectors, as we believe in partnerships for economic growth and development.

We are, therefore, presenting this *Newsletter* to take stock of the work I have done since I took over the portfolio of Economic Development and Tourism in July 2025. Through this publication, we are also fulfilling our constitutional mandate of regularly informing our people about what we have done, in our quest to improve their lives.

I strongly believe this publication (*The Road Travelled*) will, thus, come in handy as it provides an opportunity to reflect on the journey I have travelled thus far, in fulfilling the mandate given to me.

Indeed, Mpumalanga Is a Province That Works For All!

Profile of MEC Jesta Sidell

MEC Jesta Sidell is a seasoned public representative and a distinguished cadre of the ANC and the ANCWL respectively, with a commendable track record in governance, public administration, and legislative oversight. Currently serving as a Member of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature since 2024 and Member of the Executive Council responsible for Economic Development and Tourism since July 2025, MEC Jesta Sidell has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the ideals of transformative governance, people-centred development, and social justice.

Her extensive experience in the local sphere of government is underpinned by her tenure as the Executive Mayor of Ehlanzeni District Municipality from 2016 until May 2024, where she championed integrated development planning, economic growth, and social cohesion. During her stewardship, Ehlanzeni District Municipality recorded strides in service delivery and institutional stability, reflecting her strategic leadership and developmental ethos and amongst other clean governance audit.

MEC Jesta Sidell further served as the Speaker of Council in the City of Mbombela Local Municipality from 2011 to 2016. Her depth of institutional knowledge is augmented by her participation in key governance structures, including her role as a Board Member of LGSETA (2021–2024), where she chaired the Social Ethics and Stakeholder Committee, ensuring good governance and ethical leadership in skills development.

Within the broader political movement, MEC Jesta Sidell was entrusted with the responsibility of Regional Secretary of the ANC Women's League (ANCWL) from 2011 to 2018, where she led advocacy on women empowerment and gender equality and ANC Ehlanzeni Regional Executive Committee Member from 2022 to 2025. Her influence extended to SALGA, where she served on the National Executive Committee and as Provincial Chairperson of SALGA Mpumalanga between 2016 and 2021, further chairing the Community Development and Social Cohesion Working Group.

MEC Jesta Sidell is currently the Provincial Coordinator of the ANCWL in Mpumalanga, serving as the ex-officio of the ANC Mpumalanga Provincial Executive Committee and Provincial Working Committee and appointed to lead the Regional Task Team of the ANC Ehlanzeni Region since April 2025.

Academically, MEC Jesta Sidell has achieved a degree in Public Administration with MANCOSA, building on a robust foundation of certifications in Advanced Municipal Governance, Executive Leadership, Project Management, and Public Management from esteemed institutions including the Universities of Johannesburg, Pretoria, and Wits respectively. Her scholarship track record and background are evidence of thought leadership.

MEC Jesta Sidell remains a dedicated advocate for strengthening governance, deepening democracy, and advancing the socio-economic development agenda.





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Mec Sidell To Nelson By Making An Indelible Imprint

MEC Jesta Sidell says the Nelson Mandela International Day presents an opportunity for people from all walks of life to pause and dedicate their time to lend a helping hand to others, without expecting anything in return. The MEC said these words while addressing the elderly at Valkbult Old Age Centre, in the Nkomazi Local Municipality, during the 2025 Nelson Mandela International Day celebration, where she spent her 67 minutes painting the old age home, planted Macadamia and Avocado trees and donated electrical appliances to the elderly.

The Nelson Mandela International Day also known as *Madiba Day* is an annual global celebration that takes place on his birthday, the 18th of July. In recognition of *Madiba's* selfless contribution to humanity, the 18th of July was declared as the Nelson Mandela International Day by the United Nations in November 2009, with the first UN Nelson Mandela

international Day held on 18 July 2020. The day is celebrated worldwide to pay homage to Nelson Mandela for his solid contribution to the fight against the brutal apartheid regime and his undertakings towards establishing a multiracial democracy in South Africa.

"As we commemorate this global icon, and father of the nation, *Tat' uMadiba*, I encourage all and sundry to get involved in the fight against the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality and any form of social ill bedevilling our communities. We have a collective responsibility as a people to ensure that the legacy of *Madiba* is sustained through good deeds. Our coming to this old age home demonstrate our commitment to uplift the lives of our senior citizens and society in general. We are excited to be part of this noble programme, precisely because after we have left, the lives of the elderly would have been changed for the better", explained MEC Sidell.



Pays Homage Mandela int To The Elderly

Madiba, as he was affectionately known, served the Republic of South Africa as the first democratic president where he together with other struggle heroes and heroines played a pivotal role in changing our country's political landscape, particularly in dismantling the draconian apartheid regime and establishing a democratic nation that we now all enjoy. As the father of our democracy, *Tat uMadiba* encouraged every individual to take the responsibility and be the change they want to see.

"In honour of Nelson Mandela, the Department that I am leading will accelerate its programme of driving economic growth that creates decent employment and promotes sustainable development in the province. At the heart of our actions this Nelson Mandela Month, we should be raising awareness and expanding the reach of Mandela's values which include fighting injustice, helping people in need and advancing reconciliation", concluded Sidell.





MEC Sidell Delivers Her Maiden Policy And *Speech For Vote*

Following her appointment as the MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Ms. Jesta Sidell delivered her maiden Policy and Budget Speech for Vote 6, before the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature on 22 July 2025. In her Policy and Budget statement, the MEC provided a detailed account of the achievements of the Department and its Public Entities, during the financial year ended 31 March 2025. The MEC further provided details of the work planned with concomitant funds for the financial year that commenced on 01 April 2025.

The MEC used the tabling to thank the Premier, Mr. Mandla Ndlovu, and her political home, the African National Congress for entrusting her with the responsibility to lead economic development activities in the Province.

“It is indeed a humbling experience, and I commit without reservations, to serve the people of Mpumalanga – **the Place of the Rising Sun**, with a great sense of humility. I, therefore, stand before this august House, to re-assure our people that as the

Department, we remain committed to continue to address their aspirations”, said MEC Sidell.

Budget Allocation (per Programme)

Programme 1: Administration will receive an amount of **131 million, 325 thousand rands** in order to enable effective operational support to the programmes of the Department and Public Entities.

Programme 2: Integrated Economic Development will receive **385 million, 764 thousand rands**. Included in this amount, is **270 million, 600 thousand rands** to fund the requirements of MEGA, **3 million rands** for the Mpumalanga Tourism Youth Fund; and **38 million, 53 thousand rands** to fund the Mpumalanga International Food Market (MIFM).

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Programme 4: Business Regulation and Governance will receive **167 million, 461 thousand rands** which includes **139 million, 304 thousand rands** to fund the requirements of the MER.

Programme 5: Economic Planning will receive **23 million, 720 thousand rands**.

And lastly, **Programme 6:** Tourism is allocated **518 million, 352 thousand rands**, which includes **499 million, 461 thousand rands** to fund the requirements of the MTPA.

The total amount to be transferred by the Department to other entities, including its Public Entities, is **981 million, 749 thousand rands**, which is 74% of the total budget of the Department.

The total allocation to fund the requirements of the Department (Vote 6), for the financial year ending March 2026 is **One billion, 324 million, 261 thousand rands**.

“This Policy and Budget statement that I have just tabled before this august house seeks to inspire hope and re-assure our people that as the Department, we remain committed to continue to address their aspirations, as clearly expressed in the Manifesto of the governing party in the Province”, concluded Sidell.

Women Are The Bedrock Of Our Communities And They Must Reclaim Their Rightful Place In Society

Freedom cannot be achieved unless the women have been emancipated from all forms of oppression.

As we honour women during this significant month, it is befitting to start our commentary by borrowing from the late former statesman and globally renowned freedom fighter, Nelson Mandela, who opined that *"Freedom cannot be achieved unless the women have been emancipated from all forms of oppression."* We also borrow from the late former President of Burkina Faso, Thomas Sankara, who posited that *"There is no true social revolution without the liberation of women."*

In their wisdom, both the former statesman reiterates and fully appreciate the irrefutable fact that women are the bedrock of communities and societies in general. Thus, we must also take a moment and pay tribute to all heroines like Charlotte Maxeke, Lilian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Sophia Williams-De Bruyn, Rahima Moosa, Madi Hall-Xuma, Dorothy Nyembe, Adelaide Tambo, Albertina Sisulu, and Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, to mention just a few.

We pay tribute to these freedom fighters because they challenged the status quo during a time when the social, political, and legislative landscape was defined by discriminatory norms and traditions. Therefore, during this month, we need to reflect and celebrate the inestimable role that women played in the struggle for the liberation and attainment of democracy in South Africa, Africa. It is a historical fact that women have contributed significantly to the advancement of the National Democratic Revolution and the process of building a united, democratic, non-racial, non-sexist and prosperous South Africa.

It was during this month of August, in 1956, that more than 20 thousand women staged a historic march to the Union buildings to protest against the extension of pass laws to women. Courageous women, from across the country, stood in silence for 30 minutes, and after they proceeded to sing the now famous revolutionary song: *Wathint'abafazi Wathint'Imbokodo, Uza Kufa!* In stark contrast to what the visionary forebears who wrote the Women's Charter 74 years ago, women in South Africa live in fear as they bear the worst poverty, economic exclusion, and unprecedented nightmare of gender-based violence and femicide.

Where we are, women do not live as equals to their male counterparts; women live in fear due to violent crimes and senseless gender-based violence. In the main, several aspects of gender-based violence and femicide are directly linked to the lack of women's empowerment.

While the government has introduced progressive legislation to deal with the scourge of gender-based violence, it remains stubbornly persistent in our communities. In acknowledging the historic and indispensable role that women played in the struggle for liberation and the consolidation of South Africa's democracy, the African National Congress (ANC)-led government has, since 1994, prioritised the advancement of women's rights as a cornerstone of our democratic project.





The MEC for Economic Development and Tourism Ms. Jesta Sidell, convened a meeting with the Kruger Lowveld Tourism, a division of the Kruger Lowveld Chamber of Business and Tourism (KLCBT) and the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), on Tuesday, 11 August 2025, to strengthen relations and foster collaboration. The meeting follows a number of concerns raised by the Kruger Lowveld Tourism around the unpalatable condition of some of the tourism sites under the management of MTPA, across the Panorama Route.

“I must indicate that we acknowledge the issues that have been raised and the challenges that are bedeviling our Public Entity, the MTPA, hence we have decided to convene this very important meeting to process the issues and find collective solutions to the challenges”, explained MEC Sidell.

The discussions anchored on collaboration and coherent approach to reposition the Province as the ultimate tourism destination. Working with the private sector as a major stakeholder, the Department seeks to foster a meaningful tourism revitalization strategy for economic growth that contribute to the creation of the much-needed jobs and eradication of poverty.

“Tourism remains a priority sector in Mpumalanga, with much potential to create the much-needed jobs. Therefore, it is imperative that we convene meetings of this nature with key role players to come up with solid and coherent strategies geared towards elevating tourism in the Province”, explained MEC Sidell.

MEC Sidell Met With MTPA And The K To Strengthen Rela Foster Col

The meeting served as a platform for open, solution-driven dialogue between government and the tourism sector. All stakeholders agreed that stronger collaboration is essential to resolve infrastructure challenges and to ensure Mpumalanga continues to attract both domestic and international tourists. The MTPA acknowledged the issues raised and confirmed that interventions are already underway to address infrastructure-related constraints. These efforts aim to restore and improve the state of tourism sites, ensuring that visitor experience is not compromised.

A significant outcome of the engagement was the joint decision to revive the **Tourism Think Tank** - a collaborative forum that previously facilitated dialogue and strategic alignment between government and the tourism industry. The forum will also engage on strategies to enhance the quality of the existing tourism offerings and explored opportunities to develop new tourism experience.

Despite the challenges, the meeting also acknowledged progress made in key areas such as tourism safety and victim support. The Tourism Safety Forum is now operational, resulting in a notable reduction in safety-related incidents. Where incidents do occur, response times are swift, and victim support is managed professionally and compassionately.

In order to ensure proper collaborations and synergy going forward, the meeting agreed meet regularly to address matters of common interest.



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MEC Sidell

Outline Planned Activities To Celebrate Tourism Month and Preparations To Host *The G20 Tourism Ministers*



The MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Ms. Jesta Sidell held a Press briefing to outline planned activities to celebrate the 2025 Tourism Month and to provide an update on preparations to host the much anticipated G20 Tourism Working Group and Tourism Ministers' Meetings. The MEC also used the media briefing to give a detailed report on the interventions currently underway to address the challenges facing tourism attractions sites managed by the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency, across the panorama route.

Tourism Month is an annual celebration held in September to focus on the importance of tourism to the country's economy. Tourism Month is also celebrated by member countries of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), and South Africa as a member of the UNWTO, celebrates the World Tourism Day to create awareness of tourism's social, cultural, political and economic value, and how the sector can contribute towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The Media Briefing, therefore, marked the beginning of the 2025 tourism month, and was held at the Botanical Gardens Restaurant on 01 September 2025.

"As you know, September is Tourism Month in South Africa. This year, the national theme, as launched by the Minister of Tourism, Ms. Patricia de Lille, is **Tourism and Sustainable Transformation**. This theme resonates deeply with our provincial strategy and our commitment to a tourism sector that is inclusive, sustainable, and empowering for our communities. Mpumalanga is the Place of the Rising Sun, and we are committed to ensuring our tourism sector rises in a way that is inclusive, sustainable, and empowering for our communities." An elated MEC Sidell said.

The 2025 tourism activities highlight the Department's commitment to a tourism sector that promotes local business, encourages responsible tourism and empowers the youth through various programmes and partnerships.

This year's Tourism Month is historic as it coincides with South Africa's G20 Presidency. Mpumalanga will host the G20 Tourism Working Group and Tourism Ministers Meetings from 09-12 September 2025.



As part of the broader tourism month celebration activities, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, under the leadership of Ms. Jesta Sidell, in collaboration with the Mpumalanga Department of Education, held the 4th annual Provincial Tourism Careers Expo at Mashishing, in the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality. The Expo sought to inspire and encourage young people to take advantage of career opportunities in the tourism industry.

The Expo targeted learners from grade 9, 10, and 11, and its overarching objective was to provide a platform for the sector to create awareness on the available careers and professional opportunities in the tourism industry and give the learners opportunities to interact with their potential employers. Learners from various schools across the province debated on various themes, such as Tourism, Hospitality and Consumer Studies.

“It is an honour and privilege for me to be here today, at the Fourth instalment of the Provincial Tourism Careers EXPO. I am excited to be part of those playing a strategic role in the process of shaping our future leaders. The Expo is a collaboration of the three partners, namely; our Department, the Provincial Department of Education, and the National Department of Tourism and further seeks to bring together young people from across the length and breadth of the Province to come and explore opportunities, develop their skills, and become entrepreneurs to innovate and drive the future of tourism. It also serves as platform for the sector to create awareness on the available careers and professional opportunities in the tourism industry and give the learners/students opportunities to interact with their potential employers”, explained MEC Sidell.

The winning learners from the province will be selected to represent the province at the National Tourism Career Expo.

“Career opportunities in tourism are limitless. The hospitality and tourism industry presents a unique career path for professionals who specialize in creating the finest guest experiences. This Expo therefore, seeks to inspire our young people to take advantage of these career opportunities, but it is strategically organised to encourage our learners to consider the tourism sector, as a career and profession of choice. I, therefore, hereby invite the youth to be active participants in this session, as we invest in tourism as the career and profession of choice. I can assure you that a career in tourism is very exciting, and you will not regret for choosing it”, concluded MEC Sidell.

MEC Sidell Used The Tourism Careers Expo **To Encourage Learners** **To Take Advantage Of Career Opportunities** **In The Tourism Industry**



MEC Sidell Encourage Citizens *To Take A Short Left And Explore Mpumalanga*



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MEC Jesta Sidell says the Provincial Tourism Awareness Day event is not just a showcase of our Province's hidden gems, it is a platform for the local entrepreneurs and crafters, to display their talent, share their products, and connect directly with their community. She further said, by bringing this event to Gert Sibande, the Department is making a clear statement that it is committed to promoting tourism in every District, in every town, and in every community. The MEC said these profound words during the 2025 Provincial Tourism Awareness Day held at Bethal Regional Park.

“In our province, the norm is to coordinate efforts to create awareness on the less visited sites and to



encourage our people to explore their Province, thereby promoting domestic tourism. We must also be aware that tourism is not only all about travel and leisure, but about how it changes lives of our people by creating the much-needed jobs”, a jubilant MEC Sidell alluded.

The Provincial Tourism Awareness Day is aimed at educating local communities about responsible tourism and further encourage the preservation of heritage and culture in our society. The event is hosted annually by rotating among the three District municipalities of the Province before the celebration of world tourism day.

“Our tourism sector is a rising star in our provincial economy. We are proud to be the second-most visited province by the

international tourists in South Africa. Our goal is to become number one, and we are working tirelessly to make that happen. Therefore, my fellow South Africans, I urge you: take a “short left” in Mpumalanga. Explore your province first. Discover the majestic beauty of the Panorama Route, the serene Sudwala Caves, and the world-renowned Kruger National Park. But also, discover the hidden gems right here in your own backyard, in the Gert Sibande District. There is a “gold mine” of tourism opportunities waiting to be explored”, concluded Sidell.

MEC Welcomes Tourism Working Group Delegation To The Province Of The



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MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Ms. Jesta Sidell, has on behalf of the Provincial Government and the people of Mpumalanga, welcomed delegates to the G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting held at the Premier Hotel, Winkler in the City of Mbombela, on 09 September 2025.

Mpumalanga Province hosted the G20 Tourism Working Group and Tourism Minister's Meetings, which was led by the Minister of Tourism Ms. Patricia de Lille. The Tourism Working Group is among the 16 working groups of the G20, focusing on "solidarity, equality and sustainability," a theme for South Africa's Presidency that seeks to harness global will and capabilities to confront the enormous challenges the world is facing.

"A very warm welcome to all of you. It is a profound honour to stand before you today as we open the third G20 Tourism Working Group meeting. On behalf of the Provincial Government and the people of Mpumalanga, I extend our sincerest gratitude to you for choosing our beautiful province as the venue for this important gathering. As South Africa takes on the G20 Presidency, we are committed to the theme of Solidarity, Equality, and Sustainability. This theme is particularly relevant to the tourism sector, which is a powerful engine for economic growth, job creation, and sustainable development. It is a sector that truly embodies the spirit of solidarity, bringing people from all corners of the globe together to share in our diverse cultures and natural wonders", MEC Sidell exclaimed.

As the first African country to assume the G20 Presidency, South Africa is utilising its term to advance the African Developmental Agenda. The meetings are also supported by South Africa's intent to champion the agenda of the global South within the group. Appreciating the composition of the G20 as a bloc of developing and developed countries, the work of the Tourism Group also endeavors to strengthen North-South Cooperation and commit to multilateralism within the tourism industry and global governance at large.

"The work you are undertaking in this working group is of critical importance. You are here to deliberate on and develop a G20 Tourism Action Plan. We have a shared responsibility to address the challenges facing our sector-from harnessing innovation and artificial intelligence to promoting sustainable investment and enhancing resilience. Your efforts here will lay the groundwork for the G20 Tourism Ministers' Meeting later this week, and we are confident that your collective expertise will produce a robust and actionable plan. As you engage in your important deliberations, I encourage you to take a moment to experience the warmth of our people and the beauty of our province.

While you are here, I hope you will have the opportunity to explore our natural treasures, from the panoramic views of God's Window to the majestic Blyde River Canyon. Thank you for your commitment to this shared vision. I am confident that this meeting will be a resounding success, and I look forward to the fruitful outcomes of your discussions. Once again, a very warm welcome to Mpumalanga, I wish you all a productive meeting. Thank you", concluded MEC Sidell.



MEC Sidell Appoints Mpumalanga Tourism Interim Board Governance Issues

The MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Ms. Jesta Sidell, has in terms of section 7(4) of the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency Act, 2005 (Act No. 5 of 2005), appointed an interim Board to oversee governance issues of the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA). Recognising the pivotal role that MTPA plays in stimulating economic growth and job creation, MEC Sidell has prioritised the swift appointment of an interim Board comprising of men and women who possess the necessary expertise and experience to manage the affairs of the entity.

The MEC appointed the interim Board, which will be led by the former Deputy Minister of Tourism, Mr. Fish Mahlalela following the expiry of the term of office of the previous MTPA board on

31 August 2025, to manage the affairs of the Entity until a permanent Board is appointed.

“The MTPA is very strategic and critical for government in the pursuit of the three main priorities of the 7th Administration; which are; to drive inclusive growth and job creation; reduce poverty and tackle high cost of living; and build a capable, ethical and developmental state. The swift appointment of the interim Board should send a strong statement that we are committed to revive the Entity to its former glory. We hold a view that it must be through this Entity that as government we are able to grow the economy and dismantle the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality. Therefore, we are not going to allow the Entity to fail”, explained MEC Sidell.



Tourism And Parks Agency Board To Oversee Issues At The Entity

The members of the Interim Board are as follows:

- **Mr. Fish Mahlalela (Chairperson)**
- **Ms. Tholi Nkambule**
- **Prof. David Mabunda**
- **Ms. Malinda Grimbeek**
- **Mr. Sizile Ndlovu**
- **Ms. Qondile Thabethe**
- **Mr. Mzilikazi Khumalo**
- **Mr. Sandile Nene**
- **Ms. Mohita Latchminarin**
- **Ms. Sister Monama**
- **Ms. Thembelihle Anawo**

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“Tourism is one of the main sectors with huge potential to contribute meaningfully to the growth of the provincial economy and job creation. Therefore, as the Department, we will continue to support the MTPA in its quest of making Mpumalanga a tourist destination of choice”, added Sidell.

As the interim board assumes its fiduciary and statutory duties as prescribed in the MTPA Act, 2005, PFMA, 1999, and Companies Act, 2008, the MEC has directed the board to pay special attention to the following urgent tasks:

- Develop and submit a coherent turnaround strategy and a detailed plan that will focus on ensuring effective and efficient financial management systems, including ensuring a procurement system that is effective, efficient and transparent;
- Implementation of the Forensic Report recommendations;
- Resolve the ongoing impasse regarding the development of the Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains World Heritage Site;
- Filling of critical posts;
- Improve staff morale.

The MEC also extended her appreciation to the members of the interim board for their willingness to serve on the interim Board, and wish them well in the exercise and performance of their powers and functions.

“Congratulations on your appointment as MTPA Board members, I have confidence that you are equal to the task ahead. I wish you all the best in your responsibility to transform the entity into a viable and strategic vehicle to drive economic growth in the province. Equally, we extend our appreciation to the outgoing board for steering the ship during its tenure”, concluded MEC Sidell.





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