



## Media Release

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### **INTRODUCING MR JUNIAS MACHABA NEW MUNICIPAL MANAGER FOR BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY**

Mr Junias Mphethe Machaba is the new head of administration and the accounting officer for Blouberg Local Municipality. He took office with effect from 01 July 2017. Mr Machaba the former Director for Community Services has been acting in the position since September 2016. He replaces Mr Thoka Makorwane Patrick Kgoale.

Born and bred in Blouberg, Mr Machaba obtained his Senior Certificate from Mahadikana Secondary School (Longden Village, Ga-Kibi) in 1988. Due to lack of funds, he worked as a temporary teacher in 1989, before proceeding to the then University of the North, now University of Limpopo where he completed his Bachelor of Arts in 1992, then HED in 1993. For almost two years he worked at various schools as a temporary teacher, until he got a permanent post at Masoka Secondary School at his home village. By that time he also furthered his studies and obtained Honours Degree in Educational Management. He also boasts a Master's Degree in Local Government.

Being born and bred at Longden village, Mr Machaba knows Blouberg Local Municipality inside out "I played a big role within the community, such as being a ward committee representing my village".

Mr Machaba has 12 years managerial experience having joined Blouberg Local Municipality in 2005 as a Manager of one of the municipality's satellite offices in Alldays. He grew through ranks from a middle manager to the Director of Community Services responsible for waste and environmental management, traffic services, Sport and recreation and community safety among others.

He singled out the culture of non-payment of municipal services as one of the challenges (that he experienced during his tenure as Alldays Satellite Manager) that prompted him to enroll for a Master's Degree in Local Government, where his research was centered around the culture of non-payment in Blouberg.

His office bears the mammoth responsibility in insuring that the council's mandate is implemented and also oversee the day to day delivery of services to the public.

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