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DSACR MEC PAYS TRIBUTE TO BOTHA MSILA AS HE HITCHHIKES TO CAIRO

The Free State MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) Mrs. Limakatso Mahasa notes with much appreciation the passionate spirit and enduring love for soccer that Mr. Botha Msila possesses and continues to display. Known as the number one supporter of Bloemfontein Celtic F.C., Mr. Msila has over the years exhibited the undying spirit and tenacity of attending almost every soccer match that he can manage to, even beyond his own favorite soccer club (Bloemfontein Celtic F.C.). It is for this selfless commitment for the game that he has won the Premier Soccer League (PSL) Chairman's Award as the number one soccer fan in the country.

Mr. Msila's support for soccer extends beyond just attending PSL club matches to support national sport teams. His latest stint to support the national soccer team, Bafana Bafana, in their African Cup of Nations tournament participation from 21 June to 19 July 2019 is a marvel to wonder. Embarking on a self-branded tour "Cape to Cairo", Mr. Msila is travelling from Cape Town, South Africa to Cairo, Egypt by hitchhiking to attend the African Cup of Nations tournament. This act of tenacity and patriotism deserves to be applauded by all South Africans and Free Staters in particular!

His agility and aptitude to travel to soccer matches, one after the other, and often in one day or in successive days on end, has led to soccer commentators joking that he has a private jet. Mr. Msila asserts that he travels to these matches on his own accord and often hitchhikes to reach various destinations. Such supreme sacrifice for soccer is unparalleled. Congratulating Mr. Msila, DSACR MEC Mrs. Limakatso Mahasa stated that, "As the Free State Province we are indeed proud of these efforts by Mr. Msila to promote sport in general and soccer in particular. As the son of the Free

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State Province and an ardent soccer fan, he has placed the Free State Province on the map through this passionate love and enthusiasm for soccer and sport broadly. Moving forward, Mr. Msila will receive support from DSACR in his quests and endeavors.”

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