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# MEMORANDUM OF DEMANDS TO THE GREATER TUBATSE MUNICIPALITY (GTM)

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**FROM** : Tubatse Activist Forum  
Representing Communities within the 29 GTM Wards

**TO** : Member of Executive Council (MEC)  
Local Government and Housing  
Limpopo Provincial Government

**CC** : Executive Mayor  
Greater Sekhukhune District Municipality

**HANDED TO** : Speaker  
Greater Tubatse Municipality Council

**DATE** : 11 February 2010

## 1. Preamble

Municipalities are established by the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act of 2000 as amended. Integral to their establishment is that they must ensure sustainable livelihood accrues to its communities by developing, implementing or facilitating social and economic programmes.

We, the communities of GTM, constituted by all 29 Municipal Wards hereby gather here today, the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010, to present memorandum of demands which are informed by inefficient and ineffective ways of running, management and the administration of this municipality due to corrupt conduct thus no delivery of genuine and fundamental services to all within the GTM.

We have noted the following in the administration and leadership of this Municipality:

- ✓ Corrupt conduct by municipal officials and public representatives,
- ✓ Leadership vacuum within the Municipality,
- ✓ Arrogance displayed by most public representatives elected into office,
- ✓ Lack of accountability by public representatives to their communities,
- ✓ Arrogance displayed by senior officials when engaged on issues relating to the Municipality Administration and service delivery,
- ✓ Incongruent relationships by senior public representatives elected into office.

We understand and believe that:

- ✓ Anyone engaged in corrupt activities or mismanagement of public funds must be removed from public institutions e.g. Municipality
- ✓ Our elected public representatives must serve us honestly and diligently with dignity, respect and passion,
- ✓ We also believe in the State President commitment and leadership on zero tolerance that if public representatives and officials are unable to deliver that they be removed from office.
- ✓ Anybody found to have committed acts of corruption, must be brought to justice,
- ✓ That law enforcement agencies must investigate all allegations of corruption,
- ✓ Lack of effective delivery of service is mainly caused by acts of corruption within Municipalities.

## 2. Demands

In the light of the above we resolved to submit this memorandum of demands against the following grievances:

- a) A comprehensive Independent Forensic Audit Investigation be conducted with immediate effect to investigate the following amongst others:
  - i. Acts of corruption (including tender rigging, nepotism etc) and bribery by municipal officials,
  - ii. Mismanagement of the Municipal financial affairs as provided by the Municipal Finance Management Act No. 56 of 2003,
  - iii. Confirmation and verification of all capital projects completed as reported in the GTM adopted 2008/9 Annual Report.
  - iv. The manner in which the current Municipality's 2009/10 budget has been utilised/spend so far.
- b) That both the Mayor and the Municipal Manager be suspended with immediate effect pending the result and findings of the Forensic Audit Report,
- c) The process of relocating the new Municipality Offices (i.e. Civic Centre) be put on hold pending the result of the Forensic audit report and its findings,
- d) The Forensic Audit report findings be made available to the GTM public and relevant law enforcement agencies of the country,
- e) Proof that the Municipality has facilitated and ensured compliance by mines operating within the GTM, that they fully filled their legal obligations as prescribed by the approved GTM's Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and the Department of Mining's (i.e. formerly known as Department of Minerals and Energy) Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA),
- f) Public Representatives within the Municipality to stop victimising any members of the community or public and that if reported and proven to have conducted themselves in such a manner, be disciplined in terms of the GTM Code of Conduct,

