

Remarks by the Mayor of the GTM, Councillor GP Molapisane on the occasion of the 121 Celebration of the Letaba Citrus on 15 November 2023 at Tzaneen Country Lodge

The Masters of Ceremonies
The Gorvy Family
The Letaba Citrus Family
Members of the media
Fellow residents
Distinguished guests
Ladies and gentlemen

As we celebrate the 121st anniversary of your distinguished company, we are reminded of the selfless contribution you have made to the community of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality and South Africa as a whole. Over the years, the company has played a significant role in building the local economy and growing the local gross domestic product. Its impact on the lives of thousands of people cannot be overemphasized, as the company has provided employment opportunities to generations upon generations, making it a vital part of our community.

The company's contribution to the growth and development of communities is a testament to the critical role played by the private sector. We recognize that the government alone cannot sustainably keep this nation fed without the help of innovative entrepreneurs such as yourselves. Your investment into the local economy is one of the greatest investments in our municipality's history, as it has helped to create a sustainable business environment, attract more investors, and promote economic growth.

As we extend our congratulations on your 121 years of existence, we recognize that your business acumen and dedication to excellence have allowed you to thrive and grow over the years. The bond that you share with your community is strong and unbreakable, and we appreciate the many ways in which you have contributed to our community, including corporate social responsibility initiatives, community development projects, and job creation.

At the GTM, we value the importance of public-private partnerships, and we want to work with you to unlock more opportunities for our people. Our partnership will focus on addressing poverty and unemployment in our communities, promoting economic development, and transferring skills and knowledge to our masses. We believe that by working together, we can achieve more for our community.

In conclusion, we express our deep appreciation to the Gorvy family for their selfless and continuous contribution to our nation. We are committed to working together to find solutions to the many challenges and problems we face as a government. Here's to another 121 years of excellence in business and in changing the lives of our people. Happy 121st anniversary!

I thank you