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RE: “SUPERINTENDENT-GENERAL OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT, A VERSATILE INDIVIDUAL”, SAYS MEC MODISELLE

“Mr Phineas Tjie is an amazingly versatile individual driven by common sense, experience, honour and humility, and that is how we have all come to know him”, said North West Finance MEC Maureen Modiselle when her department bid farewell to the longest serving Head of Department in the Province at a send-off function held at the Mmabatho Convention Centre last week-end.

In her speech read before other Heads of Departments, Chief Financial Officers, Senior Managers, distinguished guests and staff of the Department of Finance, MEC Modiselle expressed sadness at the departure of Mr Tjie. “We are saddened by the fact that we are losing him to a national appointment, but our regret is tempered, knowing that our loss will definitely be a national gain, because we know from our experience in working with him that he will add value to whatever work situation he finds himself in.

“What makes Mr Tjie a versatile person is that, at the dawn of our democracy, 1995, there was a tug of war for his services, which is the DBSA where he was then working and the North West Provincial Government. In fact the North West was fortunate to have had access to Mr Tjie’s skills, talents and selfless service between 1995 and now. He also played a key role in constructing this Department from nothing to what it is today. One of the best departments in the North West Provincial Government. His work was always of the highest possible quality. He did what he was requested, and much more. Quiet, well mannered, sincere, reliable, accurate and precise to the point, capable and responsible for work of the highest quality, impeccable, he was a pillar of strength in the department”, added MEC Modiselle.

“The MEC expressed great optimism that Mr Tjie will deliver wherever he goes, saying that, it is due to his versatility that had earned him this new position. “Indeed, it is the degree of his success in this regard which has propelled him to the post of Chief Executive Officer in the Government Pension Fund Portfolio, which I believe he is going to construct from the scratch as a stand-alone public entity”, concluded MEC Modiselle.

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