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Dear Sirs

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN TERMS OF PAIA – ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

BACKGROUND

Before the actual elections all parties or individuals who are South African Residents may register with the Independent Election Commission (hereinafter referred to as the IEC) to contest the elections in terms of the Independent Election Commission Act . The function of the IEC is to manage and ensure that the elections are free and fair and must furthermore declare the results of the elections.

Each party or independent candidates when registering with the IEC will nominate and register their preferred candidates which is informed by internal party procedures and processes.

In the Emfuleni Local Municipality jurisdiction the following parties contested the elections and they were:

The African National Congress;
 The Democratic Alliance
 Pan African Congress of Azania
 Freedom Front Plus
 Independent Democrats and Independent Candidates.

Only the parties mentioned above, with the exclusion of Independent Candidates, they each received a number of seats as determined by the outcome of the elections. In the 2005 Local Government Elections Emfuleni Local Municipality had 85 (eighty five) councilors/seats but through the government notice this was amended to 89 (eighty nine) during the May 2011 elections and the ward councilors were increased from 43 (forty three) to 45 (forty five).

EMFULENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY INTERNAL PROCESS

After receiving the results from the IEC which stipulate the number of seats won by each party, including the wards, which are represented by a ward councillor is forwarded to the Municipal Manager as the chairperson of the council. The Municipal Manager will then confirm the results and the name of the individuals with the concerned parties. This information is given to the Municipal Manager because in terms of the legislation the preceding council is defunct and a successor-in title must be established. In short, the role of the Municipal Manager is to establish the Council and he must then call the first Council meeting.

MEMBERS

Political Parties representation results in respect of Councillors and Ward Councillors:

POLITICAL PARTY	NO. OF COUNCILLORS	NUMBER OF WARD COUNCILLORS
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS	65	36
DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE	15	09
PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS OF AZANIA	03	00
FREEDOM FRONT PLUS	01	00
INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS	01	00

Please take notice that the Democratic Alliance and Independent Democrats have merged and there is no longer a party known as Independent Democrats.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS

The Municipal Manager will send a notice to all the elected councilors and inform them about the purpose of the meeting, date, time and venue. The notice will be accompanied by an Agenda. Two Special Council meetings were held within Emfuleni local Municipality on the 26th of May and 3rd June 2011, respectively. At the first meeting the Municipal Manager, Mr

Sam Shabalala chaired the meeting. The first 4 (four items, namely A2348, A2349, A2450 and A2451) were chaired by the Municipal Manager.

In terms of section 36 of the Structures Act, Act 117 of 1997, the Speaker of Council is the Chairperson of Council. After the establishment, sworn in of Councillors, determination of full-time councillors and appointment of the Speaker, the Municipal Manager handed over the processes to the newly elected Speaker.

DETERMINATION OF PROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION TO SEDIBEND DISTRICT COUNCIL


See page 12 of Annexure "NGM1" annexed hereto.

SALGA INSTRUCTION

As per Salga instructions "NGM1" and "NGM2", attached herein, should be part of the first meeting of the Council but due to time constraints and the need to accommodate the District Municipality in respect of proportionate representative councillors, a decision was taken to deal with Annexure "NGM1" and then follow with the "NGM2".

Hope you find the above in

Yours faithfully

Per Jero 
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