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DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY RECEIVES CLEAN AUDIT

Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality tops! This is according to the Auditor-General in his findings in the affairs of this district municipality in the financial year 2014/2015.

During a presentation to the Council Meeting of Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality held recently, a Senior Manager from the office of Auditor-General of South Africa, Sam Zwane, confirmed that this district municipality has received a clean audit for the financial year 2014/2015, which is an unqualified audit opinion with no findings.

Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality is the first municipality in the Free State to receive an unqualified audit opinion after having received an unqualified audit opinion with findings for four years in succession since 2011.

Zwane explained to the Council that an unqualified opinion with no findings (clean) means the auditee was able to...

- produce financial statements free of material misstatements.
- report in a useful and reliable manner on performance as measured against predetermined objectives in the annual performance plan.
- comply with key legislation

“We are proud to have been associated with this municipality. We have worked hard to ensure that we receive the good results. We therefore urge the municipality to keep the discipline so as not to regress,” Zwane emphasised.

Executive Mayor Malefu Vilakazi said the clean audit was a collaborative effort of the Councillors, management and staff of Thabo Mofutsanyana, who worked tirelessly to ensure that areas of concern raised by the Auditor General are addressed. She also

thanked the Municipal Public Accounts Committee, which is chaired by Councillor Mama Motloun, the Audit Committee and the Council for the oversight role that they have played.

“From the first day, we received the news that Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality has received a clean audit we could not hide our excitement and even until today our joy is still overflowing,” she said.

Councillors from the opposition parties also praised Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality for achieving a clean audit.

Councillor CHE Badenhorst of the Democratic Alliance said it is a privilege to have the clean audit and urged the municipality to work hard on all aspects of governance and service delivery.

Councillor Moeketsi Lebesa of Dikwankwetla Party of South Africa thanked the Council for setting up an MPAC, which he said it played a crucial role as a voice that assisted the municipality to this achievement. “Our challenge now is to ensure that we sustain this clean audit.”

Council Speaker Mbothoma Maduna said when a target was set by government in 2009 of a clean audit by 2014, it seemed mission impossible by then. He added that it was a great moment for Thabo Mofutsanyana after it showed that clean audit is achievable.

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