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FORMER PUBLIC ENTERPRISES DG JOINS FREE STATE TREASURY

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Free State Finance MEC, Tate Makgoe has announced the appointment of the seasoned and highly skilled top public servant, Dr Eugene Mokeyane as the new Free State Treasury CEO with effect from February 1 2009. Mokeyane was the Director-General of the Public Enterprises Department. He stepped into Mr Donald Barlow's shoes who had served the department for 12 years.

Mokeyane - the financial management guru, is widely regarded as an anchor behind the successful and award-winning commercial listing of Telkom that raised R3.9 billion four years ago. He holds a Master's degree in *Public Budgeting Systems* and a PhD in *Local Government Accounting Systems and Economic Development Planning* from the University of Pittsburgh, USA.

According to Makgoe the appointment of Mokeyane came at the time when the province is facing daunting financial challenges. "The past 14 years of his public sector experience demonstrate the appropriateness of the choice, the selection committee made in appointing him to this strategic position.

Mokeyane is not new at Treasury Department. He was once a Fiscal Policy Planning Director at this department before joining the National Department of Water and Forestry as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and later as Water Services Budget Manager.

Asked how he will tackle the financial challenges facing the province Mokeyane said: "I have specific methods and tested approaches of turning the budgeting, financial management and reporting systems that will take the province towards a positive developmental trajectory."

The elated Mokeyane, who was born in Bochabela, Bloemfontein view this appointment as an opportunity bestowed to him to plough back his rare and invaluable skill in a province which is in dire need of financial management skills, developmental oriented, dedicated and politically savvy public sector professionals. "I am upbeat we will turn the situation around," he said.

Makgoe welcomed Mokeyane – a former Bloemfontein Celtic goal keeper- "back home," saying "his humility and interest in serving the Province is striking."

"Undoubtly, he will be a valuable asset to the Provincial Government and Free State public as whole".

He is also an active member of Mokeyane Family Development Trust which is involved in poverty alleviation initiatives to assist needy communities of Motlatla and Rooifontein near Thaba Nchu.

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JUNE 2009

TREASURY EMPOWERS YOUNG PEOPLE

18 June 2009

'Celebrating a Vibrant Youth Voice'

As part of youth month commemoration about 16 Grade 11 learners from Lekhulong Secondary School will take part in the Department of Treasury 'Take a child to workplace' initiative on 25 June 2009.

This will be preceded by 'Drug Talk Workshop' on 24 June 2009 with 50 learners at the same school. Here learners will interact and share information with rehabilitated drug convicts at the Grootvlei Prison. The workshop which aim at educating learners about the danger of drug abuse will commence at 10h00 until 12h00.

The take child initiative seeks to inspire learners to be future leaders in both public and private sector. It also attempt to map a future career path for these learners.

During take a child programme learners will be deployed as follows:

- Two learners in MEC's office
- Two learners in CEO's office
- Twelve other learners will be placed in different chief directorates.

Media is invited for photo opportunity

Details are as follows:

'Take a child to workplace'

Date: 25 June 2009

Venue: Kopano 1&2

Time: 08h00

'Drug Talk Workshop'

Date: 24 June 2009

Venue: Grootvlei Prison

Time: 10h00-12h00

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MAY 2009

NO MORATORIUM ON DEPARTMENTS' SPENDING

26 May 2009

Free State Premier's office and Treasury Department wish to assure the public that there is no department which has come to a standstill. Media reports which suggests that the Premier, Ace Magashule, has put a moratorium on expenditure by provincial departments is erroneous.

On May 08 2009 a communiqué was issued in which the Premier outline the steps to be taken by provincial departments with regard to the suspension of financial expenditure .This does not affect any financial delegations as stipulated in Section 44 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA).

In the meantime the Treasury Department will monitor departments' expenditure to ensure compliance with Section 29 of the PFMA until the provincial budget is tabled and adopted by the legislature.

Department have been advised to submit their applications to Treasury Departments for approval to incur expenditure or pay for the service provided by private firms. The applications submitted before 11:00 will be evaluated and feedback will be given to the affected departments on the same day.

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