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After 39 years of service, it is time to say goodbye to everyone – says Mr Madibe

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) would like to wish Mr Nicholas Madibe all the best in his retirement years after serving the public with commitment and pride for more than thirty-nine years. Mr Madibe is leaving the Department and public service at the end of June 2019. The Mpumalanga Provincial Office organized a farewell function to bid him farewell on 21 June 2019.

Mr Madibe has been a gentle giant at the Human Resources unit as a Human Resources Practitioner for all these years and he showed unmatched commitment and pride in his work over all these years in serving the Department and the people of the country. He will be remembered for going all out to ensure that all those who needed his assistance left his office in high spirits all the time, his respect for young and old and his dress code which always portrayed high professionalism.

In his farewell address, the Deputy Director: Human Resources Management, Mr Mushwana stated that it was a great loss to the Department as Mr Madibe was a great asset. He also stated that he was not sure of what will happen now that Mr Madibe was going to rest as he was of great assistance in some pending cases in the Regional Office. He wished Mr Madibe well in his retirement and pleaded with him to answer his calls as he will still need his assistance.

The Provincial Head, Mr Fikile Guma bid Mr Madibe farewell and wished him all the best in his future endeavours.

“It is a sad and at the same time wonderful day. When I realized that you were leaving and my Directors were out and some on leave, I made sure that I am personally here to bid you farewell. You are so special in that you served under different administrations, when times were tough and under the democratic government and you served with dedication and commitment at all times. I feel very privileged to have worked with you as Provincial Head in this office. It was a good feeling when I arrived to find a few people my age group and you were one of them. Mr Madibe is a good family man as can be seen through his family in front





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of us. This shows you invested in raising a good family. Ever since I have been here, I have never seen Mr Madiba angry. He is a real professional who takes his work seriously and this can be seen through the way he dresses. Hamba kahle ntanga yethu”, said Mr Guma.

In response, Mr Madibe as a man of few words thanked everyone as colleagues and friends and advised them to treat their bodies well to keep well.

“Exactly 39 and a half years in the Department of Water and Sanitation and it is now time to bid everybody goodbye. 30 June 2019 would be my last working day with the Department. I would like to thank everybody in the Department for being together as friends, co-workers and team mates for such a long exciting period. Thanks to the Department of Water and Sanitation for the service and positive experience that I acquired. Good bye and best wishes for all”, he said as a parting shot.

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