

TRIBUTE TO MS CLARA RAMUSHU, IDC MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL HEAD BY THE MEC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM, MR M.N MOKOENA, MPL.

It is with sadness that I bid farewell to one of the most committed public servant, **Mr Clara Ramushu**, who was the Provincial Head of *IDC* (Independent Development Corporation) in Mpumalanga. As a stakeholder in economic development, Ms Ramushu continued to play a pivotal role in realising the mandate of the *IDC* in our province – more importantly, in realising the promises of ensuring “a better life for all.”

To us as a Department, she was not just a stakeholder, but a member of *the dedet* family given that we shared the same vision – a vision of empowering our people and thus dealing with the triplets challenges facing our government, that is, unemployment, poverty and inequality.

We will always treasure the valuable contribution she made towards fulfilling our constitutional mandates.

Though Clara’s journey came to a halt abruptly, we draw solace from the fact that she has done much in a short space of time.

On behalf of the Department, I would like to convey our deepest condolences to the Ramushu family on the passing away of their beloved daughter, the late **Clara Ramushu**.

“May you see God’s light on the path ahead, when the road you walk is dark. May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark. When times are hard, may hardness never turn your heart to stone! May you always remember when the shadows fall — (that) you do not walk alone!” ~ Irish Blessing

Borrowing from the late Michael Jackson’s lyrics, *“Like a comet, blazing across the evening sky....; Born to amuse, to inspire, to delight; Here one day, gone one night...; Like a sunset dying with the rising of the moon; (Clara you are) Gone too soon!”*

May the soul of our beloved sister, colleague and friend – Ms Clara Ramushu rest in eternal peace!

Her invaluable contribution will continue to be engraved in our hearts.

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