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MEC MADALA MASUKU HANDS OVER REFUSE REMOVAL TRUCKS TO EMALAHLENI AND MKHONDO LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

The MEC for the Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs in Mpumalanga, Madala Masuku has handed over two refuse removal trucks to Emalahleni and Mkhondo Local Municipalities. This initiative is in line with the Department's Waste Management Plan and to ensure that municipalities improve and clean their environment.

The first truck was handed to Emalahleni on 21 July 2011 at Lynville Park, Emalahleni and the second truck was handed over to Mkhondo at Gert Sibande District Municipality offices in Ermelo on 22 July 2011. Both trucks each worth R2, 6 million were received by the Executive Mayors, Cllr Salome Sithole of Emalahleni and Cllr Bhekabani Mtshali of Mkhondo. The Executive Mayors were both accompanied by their Mayoral Committee Members and Councillors from the two municipalities.

During the handover events MEC Masuku reiterated the Department's commitment towards implementation of its Waste Management Plan. "As the Department we realised that the two municipalities experienced challenges with their existing refuse removal trucks and we felt that we needed to intervene. We hope the municipalities will utilise the vehicles effectively to ensure a healthy environment to the benefit of our communities" said Masuku.

Both Executive Mayors expressed gratitude to the MEC and the Department on behalf of their municipalities and communities. They also pledged that the trucks will be utilised responsibly to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment in their municipalities.

As part of its waste management programme the department has rolled out a programme of getting the youth involved in cleaning up their areas. 50 youth have been recruited in each of the two municipalities as part of the waste management programme. The youth have been trained and are involved in the daily cleaning up of areas under these municipalities.

The Department remains committed to assisting municipalities to deliver quality services to all communities in the province.

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