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**ADDRESS BY EXECUTIVE MAYOR ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF NALEDI  
CLINIC, SOWETO -19 March 2025**

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Ward Councillor Makapane  
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Esteemed Guests  
Media  
Residents

We are gathered here today to fulfil the commitment we have made in Joburg 2040 Growth and Development Strategy we adopted as our path to building a city where we can all live, play and work.

Programme Director, today we must draw lessons from our government that we should never allow our communities to go through what the people of Naledi have experienced.

Allow me to extend my sincere gratitude to the people of Naledi for their resilience. You have shown your perseverance and understanding beyond imagination. This investment is long overdue. This clinic was supposed to have been completed and handed over to

the community of Naledi in 2016. Unfortunately, we all know what happened post 2016, but I am not there.

We are excited that finally the cry of the Naledi community has been heard.

We must remember today as this clinic open that the original Naledi Clinic operated from a container which comprised the following facilities:

- The waiting area consisted of a small number of seats in the passage. The overflow of patients had to wait outside.
- It consisted of four consultation rooms.
- The container provided only the basic necessities and was not large enough to adequately meet the demands of the community in an environment that promotes health and wellbeing.

We view this Health state of art facility not just as a building but as means to build healthy communities and centre that will promote healthy lifestyle in partnership with our community organs.

The following are features of the new Naledi Clinic:

-The clinic provides a modern healthcare facility with twenty consultation and counselling rooms spread across four wings:

-Acute Wing providing treatment for acute illnesses and day to day healthcare, Chronic Wing for treatment and counselling for chronic illnesses, Mother & Child Wing providing pre-natal and post-natal care for mothers and children and an Emergency Services Wing providing facilities to deal with minor emergencies and stabilising patients for transfer to larger facilities.

-The waiting area provides seating for two hundred patients and the clinic is equipped with all necessary administrative facilities to adequately service the community.

The city has spent just over R 90 million has been spent on the facility, which includes the medical equipment and furniture. This spend has also benefitted the local SMMEs.

Today, many of our communities are grappling with the burden of lifestyle diseases which put a strain and pressure in our health facilities, leading to long queues in our clinics.

We are making a call to our communities to work with our health professionals and practitioners' hand in hand as partners in making this beautiful facility a model clinic that serves the people with diligence.

We are also pleading with our community structures to pledge support to this clinic and preserve it for generations to come.

We have agreed that all the incomplete projects in Johannesburg that because of various reasons have delayed, must come to life and be handed over to the community so that they serve as delivery points that will improve the quality of life of the people of our city.

Our city will not be a spectator in the National Health Insurance. We are working hard to align our systems and structure to the National and Provincial system. Most of our facilities are now compliant with the Norms and Standards of the Ideal Clinics in preparation which makes us ready to engage in the bigger discussion of National Health Insurance.

The developmental state has an obligation to serve the people and communities in a diligent manner.

Thank you.