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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: AMAHLATHI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION/VARIOUS BUSINESSES/AMAHLATHI MUNICIPALITY – DEMAND FOR REINSTATEMENT OF SERVICE DELIVERY

Your letter dated 18 January 2019 in the abovementioned matters refers.

First and foremost, my sincere apologies for the belated response which is directly attributed to my current hectic schedule. My hectic schedule must not be interpreted in any way to suggest that the concerns raised by your clients are not of grave concern nor serious, as it certainly is.

I do not intend to respond to each and every allegation as contained in your letter under reply. My failure to do so should not be construed as an admission of the correctness and or veracity thereof, and our rights to respond thereto at the appropriate time and in the appropriate forum are expressly reserved.

I note the content of your letter, and in particular, the legitimate and fair concerns raised by your clients. For what it's worth, you can be rest assured that the concerns of your clients are also concerns of the Amahlathi Municipality as a whole.

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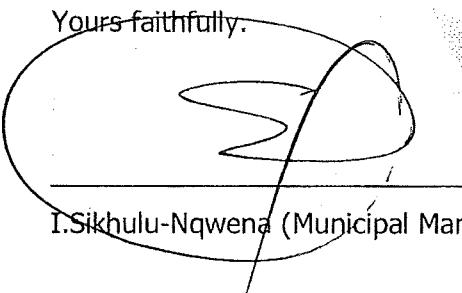
I am certain that your clients are fully aware that as a municipality, no doubt under normal circumstances, render municipal services within our municipal area as required. However, due to the ongoing protest it is extremely difficult to render adequate services to the satisfaction of all residents.

As a municipality, we are trying to address all the concerns raised by the aggrieved protesters in order to bring about normality, and as head of administration, and being apolitical, I can assure you that we are trying our best endeavours under the circumstances to meet all our service delivery obligations, despite our trying circumstances. I also undertake to do whatever is reasonably possible, albeit under the current circumstances, to meet all the demands of your clients as contained in your letter under reply, as those demands are fair, as stated herein above, and we are also working closely with Amathole District Municipality to assist us as a municipality where necessary.

Furthermore, I am also working closely with different government agencies to get to the bottom of the real issues behind the protest action in order to bring about stability soonest and to institute disciplinary and or criminal proceedings if and where necessary.

I trust you will find the above to be in order, and thank you in anticipation thereof.

Yours faithfully.


I. Sikhulu-Nqwena (Municipal Manager)

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