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Dear Honourable Mr. G.M.S Nthatisi

**DEFERMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT (MFMA), 2003:
MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY 2023/24 MTREF BUDGET**

1. Reference is made to the request for extension on the tabling of the budget by the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality dated 25 May 2023.
2. I have taken note of the contemporary reasons contained in the “**G Schedule**” of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulation (MBRR), 2009 furnished by the municipality in further delaying the tabling of the annual budget by 15 days relative to the requirements of Section 24 (1) of the Municipal Financial Management Act (MFMA), Act No.56 of 2003.
3. I must indicate that, it is encumbered on the Municipal Council to ensure that all legal requirements on the public consultation of the 2023/24 MTREF are met. Moreover, it is imperative that the Municipal Council and oversight structures at the municipality put in place measures and controls to ensure that a funded and credible budget is adopted which focuses on addressing all core municipal service areas which are also aligned to the municipal financial recovery plan.
4. It will be appreciated if a detailed action plan with timeframes to promote a funded, credible and realistic 2023/24 MTREF Budget as per requirements of the MFMA, 2003 is submitted to Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality Cabinet Representatives and the War Room Committee members for the review so that assurance is provided that the processes meet all legislative requirements. Furthermore, the 2023/24 MTREF Budget is fully consulted with all stakeholders and adopted as well as approved before the start of the new financial year.



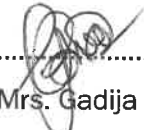
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5. The approval of your request for an extension of the budget adoption is contingent upon Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality adhering to paragraphs 3 to 4 above for the extension on or before the 15 June 2023 and the requirements of Section 27(2) of the MFMA, 2003. Thus, I reiterate that the Municipal Council must ensure all budget processes and the public consultation must comply with all local government prescripts.

Should you require clarity on any matter contained in this communiqué, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Your support in promotion service delivery is appreciated.

Kind regards,


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MEC FOR FINANCE
Date: 29/05/2023

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Cc: Honourable Premier: Mr. M. Dukwana

Cc: Honourable MEC: CoGTA: Mr. M. Makume

Cc: Office of the Audit General of South Africa