OPENNING AND WELCOMING REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OF KOPANONG ON IGR MEETING HELD AT GARIEP DAM ON THE  $17^{\mathrm{TH}}$  MARCH 2010

THE HOUNARABLE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF XHARIEP Cde Mongi Ntwanambi SPEAKER OF XHARIEP; Me Mando Shasha MAYORS AND SPEAKERS MEMBERS OF MAYORAL COMMITTEE SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS MUNICIPAL MANAGERS DISTRICT MANAGERS OFFICIAL PRESENT DISTINGUISHED GEUSTS

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a great pleasure to officially open and welcome you all to this important and the first IGR meeting in our District.

Welcome to this IGR Meeting held in Gariep Dam at Kopanong Municipality. Thank you for coming and we are delighted to have you here to participate in this first IGR meeting in our District. Many of you have travelled long distances this serves to remind us all how important our work is.

This IGR forum is a platform that we have been waiting for so as to engage with all stakeholders to improve the living conditions of our people.

Executive Mayor of Xhariep, two days back Kopanong Municipality was visited by the Ad Hoc Committee on Coordinated Oversight on Service Delivery from National Assembly. The question of IRG meeting was raised and we have been advised of the importance of IGR meetings.

I hope the exercise we are going to do today will speed up service delivery to the people of Xhariep District Municiplity.

I therefore call on all of us to start sharing programmes and ideas to better the lives of our people "working together we can do more"

Once again I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you and trust that this meeting will meet our expectations. I'm humbled by you presence.

I thank you