

WELCOMING REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OF KOPANONG MUNICIPALITY Cnr. XT MATWA AT THE "TOUR DE FREE STATE" HELD ON THE 24th MAY 2012 AT JAGERSFONTEIN.

The Hon. Premier of the Free State Province, Ntate Ace Magashule

The Hon.MEC for Tourism, Economic and Enviromental Affairs, Me Mamiki Qabathe

The Hon. Exec.Mayor of XDM, Ntate Mongi Ntwanambi

Mayors, Speakers present

Hon. Guests and the Community at large

Programme Director

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this international cyclist function held at one of kopanong Local Municipal towns, Jagersfontein.

It's that joyous time of the year again when we gather to celebrate this event that first took place last year in the Free State where cyclist toured the Eastern Free State. We sincerely hope that your visit here will be both enriching and enjoyable.

We ask you to enjoy that splendour of harmony between mountains and valleys. You have visited the place where the soothing touch of nature will surely refresh you in mind and body.

Above all else we hope that when you go back home you will have renewed and strengthened friendship and have enduringly happy memories of your visit to the Free State Province.

Your visit here has a universal appeal and serves as unifying factor not just this week but for many years to come. We wish your visit a success and we hope that sometime in the not too distant future you will return to the Free State Province particularly Xhariep District Municipality within which Kopanong Local Municipality falls.

I once more welcome you in the name of Kopanong Local Municipal communities.

I thank you