

#### REPORT BY MUNICIPAL MANAGER FOR SUBMISSION TO OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Paragraph No.	Property Plant & Equipment	<b>Progress on Action Plan</b>
4	The asset register was deemed the only suitable	To be finalised by FAR Consultant
	record of assets held by the municipality that	
	supported the property, plant and equipment	
	amounting to R862,826,195 (2010: R636,395	
	082) as disclosed in the statement of financial	
	position and note 4 to the financial statements	
	- For infrastructure assets with a carrying	To be finalised by FAR Consultant
Ex.33	value of R627, 069m833 (2010:	
54	R414,179,620) the descriptions, unique	
	identification numbers, location and	
	condition of items as indicated in the	
	asset register were inadequate for	
	identification purposes.	
	- For other assets amounting to	To be finalised by FAR Consultant
Ex.74	R23 906 015 the descriptions, bar codes	
	and location of items as indicated in the	
	asset register were inadequate for	
	identification purposes.	
Ex.87	- The valuation roll was not reconciled	To be finalized by FAR Consultant
	with the buildings and land amounting	
	to R96 455 473 according to the asset	
	register of the municipality to ensure	
	that all properties registered in the name	
	of the municipality are recognized as	
	property, plant and equipment.	
Ex.61	- I was unable to obtain sufficient	To be finalized by FAR Consultant
	appropriate audit evidence that all the	
	parts used in infrastructure assets, e.g.	
	transformers are included in property,	
	plant and equipment.	
	Since the municipality's accounting records did	
	not permit the application of reasonable	
	alternative procedures, I was unable to confirm	
	the existence, completeness and valuation of,	
	and the municipality's rights to property, plant	

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	and equipment, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and note 4 to the financial statements.	
Paragraph No.	Property Plant and Equipment	Response on Action Plan
5	Paragraph 88 of GRAP 17, Property, plant and equipment, requires that the gross carrying amount of any fully depreciated property, plant and equipment that is still in use should be	To be finalized by FAR Consultant
Ex.21	disclosed. A total of 3 349 assets in the asset register were identified that had values lower than R100. Paragraphs 61 and 71 of GRAP 17 require the municipality to review its assets' useful lives at least at each reporting date. The municipality did not comply with these requirements. Consequently, I could not obtain adequate audit assurance as to the valuation of property, plant and equipment and accumulated depreciation and the accuracy of depreciation charges as disclosed in note 4 to the financial statements for the current and prior year.	
6 Ex.39	International Accounting Standard 26, Impairment of cash-generating assets, requires that property, plant and equipment be assessed for impairment at each reporting date. Management did not assess whether there had been a decrease in the value of property, plant and equipment during the financial year. Consequently, I could not obtain adequate audit assurance as to the valuation of the municipality's property, plant and equipment as disclosed in the statement of financial position and note 4 to the financial statements in the current and prior year.	To be finalised by FAR Consultant
7 Ex.153	Sufficient appropriate audit evidence could not be submitted with regard to work in progress amounting to R78 670 766 (2010: R149 472 751) as disclosed in note 4 to the financial statements. Since the municipality's accounting	To be finalized by FAR Consultant

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	records did not permit the application of reasonable alternative audit procedures, I was unable to obtain all the information and explanations I considered necessary to gain adequate audit assurance as to the valuation, existence and completeness of and rights to assets under construction.	
8 Ex. 23 153	Sufficient appropriate audit evidence could not be submitted with regard to the revaluation adjustment amounting to R8 122 977 as disclosed in note 4 to the financial statements. Since the municipality's accounting records did not permit the application of reasonable alternative audit procedures, I was unable to obtain all the information and explanations I considered necessary to gain adequate audit assurance as to the valuation and whether the adjustment should have been made in the prior year.	To be finalized by FAR Consultant
9 Ex. 86	Included in other assets under property, plant and equipment as disclosed in note 4 to the financial statements, are additions that relate to the previous financial year that were only recorded in the current financial year. Consequently, the opening balance for the current financial year and the additions and closing balance for the prior financial year are understated and the additions for the current financial year are overstated by R 10 226 025	To be finalized FAR Consultant
Paragraph No.	Investment Property	Progress on Action Plan
10 Ex. 57	Paragraph 5 of GRAP 16, Investment property, requires an asset to be recognized as investment property when it is property held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation, or both. Paragraphs 2 and 18 of GRAP 16 require a	To be finalized by FAR Consultant

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Paragraph No. 11 Ex .123	municipality to disclose investment property separately in the financial statements. Management has not separately identified its investment property and no disclosures have been made of investment property in the financial statements. Consequently, I could not obtain adequate audit assurance as to the completeness and valuation of investment property and the existence and valuation of property, plant and equipment as disclosed in note 4 to the financial statements for the current and prior year. <b>Trade and other receivables</b> Trade and other receivables from exchange transactions amounting to R 43 289 516 (2010: R75 489 706) in note 11 to the financial statements include unallocated deposit with a balance of R17 878 322 (2010: R54 372 252). The entries in this account must be matched to the unidentified deposits that are disclosed under trade and other payables from exchange transactions in this report. This was due to the suspense account not being cleared timeously and regularly. I was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the existence, completeness and valuation, as well as the municipality's rights to the balance of the unallocated deposits as disclosed in note 11 to the financial statements. The municipality's systems did not allow me to perform alternative procedures.	Progress on Action Plan Ex. 123 - Trade & other receivables Balance as at 17 February 2012 is the balance remaining currently in the account. For example 9000-03-9-01-1067 has R12,731,190- 84. Below this the amount is split between what is actually in the account and what portion is under reconciling items. For example the R12m above is split between R3,158,017-62 actually in the account left for which we could not find any documentation but we could not clear it. The total reconciling items of R8,480,245-72 should decrease when all the journals that I have sent with is processed and this will result in the balance as at 17 February 2012 to decrease. Thus currently I will request council to write off the balance as at 17 February 2012. For example the R12,731,190-84 in account 9000- 03-9-01-1067. The net effect of all the accounts will then be a write off of about R2,092 million.
12 Ex.131 29	I could not obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence in respect of the existence of Trade and other receivables from exchange transactions amounting to R16 853 618 as disclosed in note 14 to the annual financial	Ex. 131 - <u>Incorrect tariffs and meter</u> <u>reading used to determine water revenue</u> We requested BCX to assist in analyzing the step/block tariff on water we are waiting for the report to check the impact

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	statements. The municipality's records did not	on water revenue.
	permit the application of alternative audit	
	procedures in this regard.	
Paragraph No.	Value Added Tax (VAT) Receivables	Progress on Action Plan
13	I was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate	The matter has been referred to Maxprof
Ex.29	audit evidence in respect of VAT receivable	the entity that was appointed to assist the
	amounting to R3 705 669 as disclosed in the	municipality with VAT matters and have
	statement of financial performance and note 13	confirmed the appointment to assist in
	to the annual financial statement due to the fact	resolving the issue on 02/04/2012.
	that no reconciliation was performed between	See the attached documents
	the underlying accounting records, the VAT	
	201 returns and SARS assessments. I was	
	unable to confirm the valuation of this amount	
	and the lack of documentation prevented me	
	from performing alternative procedures to	
	obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence.	
Paragraph No.	Trade and other payables	Progress on Action Plan
14	I could not obtain sufficient appropriate audit	<u>Ex. 106</u>
Ex.106	evidence due to a lack of supporting	The opening balances of the municipality
	documentation to confirm the existence,	were partially resolved and the balances
	completeness and valuation of, as well as the	are as follows : (See the attached)
	municipality's obligation with regards to the	
	unidentified deposits of R20 994 966 (2010:	
	R57 998 689) and sundry payables of R3 077	
	222 (2010:R5 298 650) included in the trade	
	and other payables from exchange transaction	
	in the note 20 to the annual financial	
	statements, could not be confirmed. I also	
	could not perform alternative procedures due to	
15	lack of information.	The measure of far the state of a
15 En 164	Paragraph 47 of IAS 39, Financial Instruments:	The measurement for impairment of
Ex.164	Recognition and Measurement, requires that	Financial instruments will be performed
	after initial recognition, an entity shall measure	and the AFS will be adjusted in line with
	all financial liabilities at amortized cost using	IS39
	the effective interest method. Contrary to this,	
	trade and other payables of R135 845 846	
	(2010: R68 585 270) included in note 20 to the	
	annual financial statements have not been	
	recorded at amortised cost. Because the	
	relevant information was not available, I was	
	unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit	

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	evidence regarding the valuation of trade	
Paragraph No.		Progress on Action Plan
Paragraph No.           16           Ex.122           125           126           131           138           132	payables.RevenueThe calculation of property rates and servicecharges was incorrect as a result of incorrecttariffs and incorrect meter readings used in anumber of instances. This resulted in anunderstatement of property rates by R2 117 964(2010: understated by R56 920 620) andservice charges by R3 370 478 (2010: R2 269523) for water, R12 631 676 for refuseremoval, R4 625 421 for sewerage and R44445 014 (2010: R7 834 461) for electricity asdisclosed in the statement of financialperformance. This also resulted in anoverstatement of trade receivables fromexchange transactions by the same amounts.	Progress on Action PlanEx. 122 - Incorrect tariffs were used in calculation of electricity revenue We disagree with the 143 finding out of 147 stated since the tariffs were implemented correctly as per debtor type. We agree with the 4 sample selection that the residential tariff were used instead of business. The correction was done see journal no. 001039 and 001814. BU44 report will be printed for the financial year under review to check the errors which may incur.Ex. 125 Ex. 125The exception does not include the alleged wrong tariff used for FBS to justify the overstated on receivables and the understated on grant expenditure. FBS = 50 units free to the consumer every month and
		the 50 units are issued based on the tariffs already commissioned on the system. The system cannot allow or is not configured to have a specific tariff for FBS. A detailed figure on the wrong tariffs is required to substantiate the exception. <u>Exception 126 - Incorrect tariff used to determined refuse removal revenue</u> When tariffs were implemented on a debtor type instead of business tariff being charged residential was charged however this was corrected date & amount see jnl 001037 and the billing section will print the BU44 report on a monthly basis to check such mistakes so that they can be corrected. <u>Ex. 132</u> – We acknowledge the audit findings but disagree with the findings because the sewerage charge for residential and business properties is a fixed rate. Based



		on the findings as stated the wrong units and wrong tariff were used to determine the sewerage charges. Find the attached Annexure B for the correct calculation of sewerage charges as per your sample selection and the debtors print outs as on the financial system for that period.
17	Paragraph 20 of GRAP 9, Revenue, states that	Exception 133 and 134
Ex.133 134	when the outcome of a transaction involving the rendering of services can be estimated reliably, revenue associated with the transaction shall be recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. The municipality recognised prepaid electricity sales when the sale took place and not over the expected period that the units sold would be utilised Because the relevant information was not available I could not determine the amount by which service charges as disclosed in the statement of financial performance are overstated and trade and other payables from exchange transaction as disclosed in the statement of financial	The municipality does not have a system that can actually tell the number of units that were not sold or consumed by the customer as at 30 June. However other methods shall be explored with the service provider.``
18 Ex.135	position are understated. I was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the accuracy of meter-reading estimates as at year-end. Due to the limitations involved, the financial impact thereof could not be determined. The municipality's' records did not permit the application of alternative audit procedures in this regard. Consequently, I could not obtain adequate audit evidence as to the occurrence, accuracy and completeness of service charges revenue as disclosed in the statement of financial performance.	We acknowledge the audit findings but disagree with the findings because incorrect readings were used to determine the audit findings. Find the attached Annexure C for the correct calculation of electricity revenue.
19 Ex.174	Paragraph 35 of GRAP 9, Revenue, states that interest shall be recognised using the effective interest rate method. Interest received on consumer accounts as disclosed in note 62 to the financial statements amounting to R18 444	The matter has been referred to (BCX) to assist in terms of recalculating the interest as per the system.

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	498 was understated by R14 770 845. Since the municipality's accounting records did not permit the application of reasonable alternative audit procedures, I was unable to obtain all the information and explanations I considered necessary to gain adequate audit assurance as to the completeness and accuracy of interest received.	
20 Ex.132	I was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the completeness of sewerage charges revenue amounting to R24 759 134 as disclosed in note 25 to the annual financial statements. No sewerage charges were levied on 5 690 of the possible 34 262 properties. Due to the limitations involved, the financial impact thereof could not be determined. The municipality's records did not permit the application of alternative audit procedures in this regard. Consequently, I could not obtain adequate audit evidence as to the completeness of sewerage charges revenue and the completeness and valuation of trade receivables as disclosed in note 14 to the annual financial statements.	We acknowledge the audit finding but disagree with the findings because the sewerage charge for residential and business properties is a fixed rate. Based on the findings as sated the wrong units and wrong tariff were used to determine the sewerage charges. Find the attached Annexure B for the correct calculation of sewerage charges as per your sample selection and the debtors print outs as on the financial system for that period.
Paragraph No.	Expenditure	Progress on Action Plan
21 Ex.102	I was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to confirm the occurrence, accuracy, cut-off and completeness of the community project expenditure in the statement of financial performance amounting to R33 679 072 as disclosed in note 34 to the financial statements. Because the relevant information was not available, I could not perform alternative procedures.	The community project expenditure consists of MIG operation expenses that cannot be capitalized to FAR such as VIP and Hygienic Projects and PMU operational expenses. The reconciliation has been prepared and will be submitted to auditors
22 Ex.137	I was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to confirm the occurrence, accuracy, cut-off and completeness for general expenses in the comparative amounts in the statement of financial performance amounting	Part of the exception was given to the Auditor as per attached document. Attached documents

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23 Ex.44 24 Ex.43	to R14 530 835. This was due to insufficient information provided to confirm the amounts. Because the relevant documentation was not available, I could also not perform alternative procedures. Included in the reversal of allowance for bad debt, as disclosed in note 60 to the financial statements, is a debt impaired that relates to interdepartmental charges amounting to R28 849 436 which should have been reversed against service charges. Consequently, impairment loss and service charges as disclosed in the statement of financial performance are overstated by this amount. Paragraph 83(c) of GRAP 17 states that the financial statements shall disclose for each class of property, plant and equipment recognised in the financial statements the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment. Management did not maintain an updated contract register which provides particulars, including the committed amount, of all approved capital contracts, the expenditure incurred to date and the municipality's future capital commitments in respect of each contract in the current and previous year. Consequently, I could not obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence with regard to the completeness and valuation of capital commitments. Because the relevant information was not available, I was unable to perform reasonable alternative audit procedures.	The interdepartmental charges will be reversed and the recalculation of provision for bad debts will be adjusted in the comparative figures.         The capital commitment register has been completed with assistance of PMU and shall be maintained on monthly basis. See attachment
Paragraph No.	Irregular Expenditure	Progress on Action Plan
25	Irregular expenditure as defined in section 1 of the MFMA must be disclosed in the financial statements in terms of section 125(d) of the	<b>Ex. 162 - TAD Consultancy</b> The information applies to the above mentioned bid. The bid was not subjected to specification and an advert due to the nature



Ex.162 168 173 85 163	expenditure amounting to R35 955 984 (2010: R131 084 592) that was not disclosed in the financial statements. This irregular expenditure related to instances where officials did not comply with the SCM policy of the municipality. Other instances were identified where the SCM policy was less strict than the requirements of the SCM Regulations which thus resulted in irregular expenditure. Due to the nature of the matters as well as the deficiencies in the systems of internal control and financial reporting at the municipality, I could not confirm the completeness of the irregular expenditure disclosed in note 52 to the annual financial statements. Below is the detail of the matters identified:	security. It entails border control security between Lesotho and Maluti a Phofung. R9,221,324-00 Ex. 168 Section 1 - Publicity - Notice Board Advert for Molaudi Trading SCM/F006/2009/2010 (See attached document) Metsi Matsho/Kezner - SCM/BI185/2007 (See the attached document) The bid was awarded to Metsi Matsho Kezner prior to R Molete joining the municipality. R5,113,164 Section 2 Emendo - Documents available for submission Manna Holdings tender document, resolution, appointment letter, SLA attached. R3,714,125 MOFTRADE – appointment letter & resolution attached R339,999 TBO the attached documentation Sedikadikwe Business Consultants and TIS (Documents available for submission)R1,728,025 Section 3 3.1 Proper Consulting- BID 046/2008/9 - Available for submission 3.2 BID178/2007 3.3 Available for submission
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Ex.5		Ex. 163 – We agree with the findings as the advert was advertised for fewer days as required.
Ex.162 173	<ul> <li>Councillor's remuneration of R156 288 was paid in excess of the amount authorized in the Government Gazette 32833 of December 2009. This limit is prescribed by the Public Office-Bearers Act, 2009 (Act No. 20 of 2009). The overpayment of the allowances resulted in irregular expenditure.</li> <li>Sufficient appropriate audit evidence could not be obtained that contracts to the value of R23 664 988 were procured in accordance with legislative requirements and the SCM policy. Because the relevant documentation was not available, I could not perform reasonable alternative procedures.</li> </ul>	The amounts were adjusted in councilors salaries to ensure that councilors are paid correctly.The name, councilor T Ramakarane is part of the AFS and the matter is resolved.The amount owed by former councilor J D Khumalo has been forwarded to pension fund for deductionEx. 1731.1 Bid 0/2009/10 - Pelatona Projects (Pty)Ltd R1,712,594-80 The suppliers were verified and were confirm by National Treasury on 23 October 2009.1.2 Bid 009/2008 (Mokoena Construction Inv. 0016) R1,034,086-89 Verified with National Treasury on 24 November 2008 (See attached).1.3 SCM/BID012/2008 - R1,831,920-38 MAP advertised for 23 days and it complied as the Regulation requirements are 14 days.SCM/BID 030/2008 - R3,893,650-02 Complied advertised for 18 days requirements 14 daysSCM/BID 038/2008 - R4,487,212-10 Complied advertised for 16 days requirements 14 daysSCM/BID 212/2009 - R18,497,059-35 Did not comply as we advertised for 18 days requirements not less than 30 days. We therefore agree with the finding.
Paragraph No.	Related Parties	Progress on Action Plan



27 Ex80	I could not obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence due to a lack of supporting documentation to confirm the occurrence, cut-off, accuracy and completeness of related parties as disclosed in note 45 to the financial statements. Because the relevant information was not available, I could not perform reasonable alternative procedures.	Declaration was done by Directors and councillors only, but in future the declaration shall be cascaded to lower levels
Paragraph No.	Unauthorised Expenditure	Progress on Action Plan
28 Ex.113 157	The approved budget for certain votes was exceeded by R165 162 000 (2010: R731 230) resulting in unauthorized expenditure as defined in section 1 of the MFMA. This amount was not disclosed in the financial statements and therefore unauthorised expenditure in the notes to the financial statements is understated by this amount.	An amount of R165 162 indicated as overspending on budget is not actual overspending is merely due to mapping on financial statement schedule. The mapping problem has been sorted - refer to the attached.
29 Ex.135	26. Fruitless and wasteful expenditure of R1 859 521 was incurred due to payments made to a service provider for services that were not rendered. This amount was not disclosed in note 51 of the annual financial statements. Consequently, fruitless and wasteful expenditure is understated with this amount.	An amount as stated on paragraph no. 29 is R1,859,521.00 and the relevant quoted vote numbers are not for meter reading as stated in audit report. The amount as per votes are for technical support such as call outs, meter change, notice delivery and prepaid service connection totaling to R1,957,219.00 (to substantiate this we attach vouchers.) An amount of R15.00 per meter is paid for each meter visited on monthly basis, because each meter visited are reported on the following - meter reading, static, reversing and any other related information (reference should be made to the schedule). We therefore do not agree with the fact that the amount paid is fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

#### **SUBMITTED BY:**

..... RS KAU MUNICIPAL MANAGER

