

MEDIA BRIEFING ON THE OCASSION OF THE OPENING OF MOUNT AYLIFF SPORT FIELD ON 06 SEPTEMBER 2012.

Chairperson

Ladies and Gentlemen

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa affirms the democratic values of human dignity, equality and freedom. Sport and Recreation South Africa also acknowledges that sport is a provincial and local competency.

Sport in South Africa is a multibillion Rand industry and contributes significantly to the gross domestic product of the country.

It is for this reason that we believe that sport is one of the programmes that can help us improve the quality of life by creating an enabling and conducive environment.

Accordingly, today the Umzimvubu Local Municipality in partnership with the South African Football Association (SAFA) and the National Lottery is officially handing over the state of the art sports field here in Mount Ayliff.

This is a 2010 FIFA world Cup Legacy Project in which a sum of R6.9million was invested for the soccer pitch and a club house which constitute phase one of the project.

In taking the project further, we have already set the processes in motion for the commencement of phase two.

In this regard, a full concept document is being finalised for the multi- purpose centre which will have in-door sport facilities like volley ball and other things. Equally, a sum of R4.4million from the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) has been set aside for this work to start in November this year.

Phase three of the project is planned to start in the 2013/ 2014 financial year for the construction of a fully fledged sport facility where there will be play fields for cricket and netball.

Working together with public entities like SAFA, the National Lottery and government we will continue to make huge strides to delivering services to our people.

I was made aware of the fact that through the Sport Council that the local youth has made a commitment to direct their energies towards the sport development so that they do not get distracted by other things.

Thank you