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The Honourable MEC for Health, Dr C Mkasi, the Honourable Mayor of Mbombela Ms Dlamini, The Leader of the House of Traditional Leaders, Mr Nkosi Mokoena, ladies and gentlemen.

It is indeed a great honour for me to be present on the sod turning ceremony of Kiaat Hospital. The development of Kiaat Hospital will make a difference in the lives of ordinary people because for the first time they will access affordable private health care. And this is pleasing to us.

The PIC always seeks sound investments that support and contribute to job creation. The building of Kiaat Private Hospital will create both short term and sustainable jobs. An estimated 347 jobs during the construction period and 290 for nurses, porters, and pharmacists, incrementally over a period of 5 years. The Kiaat Hospital project will undoubtedly change someone's life out there.

You may wonder what informs this investment. This investment ladies and gentlemen is informed by a high demand for an additional private hospital facility in the Nelspruit area and is fully supported by the majority of local doctors in the area. The PIC is happy that Local Government, Municipal and Business have given the development of the Kiaat Private Hospital a thumbs-up and support the need for improved access to private hospital beds in the catchment area.

Ladies and gentlemen low and middle income earners in Nelspruit and surrounding areas will for the first time be able to access private health care through this development.

We believe this facility will not only provide quality health care to the community of Nelspruit and the surrounding areas, but that it will also serve as an inspiration to the young people of this province to pursue medicine or any

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other health profession which will see them make a difference and contribute directly to their communities.

The PIC and the GEPP are proud to be associated with a project of this nature because our objective is to invest responsibly. There is no better fulfilment and investment than changing the lives of ordinary people.

To the people of Nelspruit and the surrounding areas, we entrust you with this facility and hope that that you will give it the necessary support it deserves.

I thank you.

Dr Dan Matjila
Chief Investment officer