



# BA-PHALABORWA MUNICIPALITY

PRIVATE BAG X01020  
PHALABORWA 1390

TELEPHONE  
(015) 780 6300

FAXIMILE  
(015) 781 0726

E-mail: phalamun@lantic.net

Ref: \_\_\_\_\_  
Enquiries: **MAHESU JN**  
Your ref: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED  
TO THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

01 February 2016

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

For immediate release

### **BA-PHALABORWA MUNICIPALITY MOVES FROM DISCLAIMER TO QUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION.**

The financial management of Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality has significantly improved during the 2014/2015 audit cycle.

The municipality received pleasing news from the Auditor General with an improvement of its operations receiving a qualified audit opinion for the 2014/2015 financial year. The announcement of the municipality's qualified audit comes as good news considering that, the municipality is moving from the worse position.

This improvement exhibits that the council is prepared to change the situation for the better. The political leadership, audit committee and management worked tirelessly in ensuring that most matters raised by the AG were rectified.

It is worth mentioning that the municipality prepared the Annual Financial Statements and further went through the audit process when the Budget and Treasury Department was under the leadership of an Acting Chief Financial Officer.

The municipality has a history of disclaimer audit opinions and it is further known that ever since its establishment, it got either disclaimer or adverse audit opinions. This happened over a period of seven years.

Municipal Manager, Dr SS Sebashe wishes to thank all staff members and audit teams which were readily available to support the municipality and assist in resolving issues which played a crucial role towards the improvements of the outcome. Sebashe further said that the outcome is a clear indication that the institution is now taking shape in perfecting its financial management system.

**Issued by: Communications Unit**  
**Communications Manager: Mr Mahesu JN**  
**Contacts: 015 780 6401**