

## **MEC LEBOGANG MAILE TO LAUNCH THE GAUTENG TOWNSHIP MANUFACTURING PLATFORM (GTMP)**

On **Tuesday, the 19th of March 2019**, MEC Lebogang Maile will be launching the first Gauteng Township Manufacturers Platform. Manufacturing is one of the critical labor-intensive sectors with great potential in terms of employment creation and stimulating economic growth. Small township businesses in this sector continue to face challenges such as:

- ☐ Access to Markets / Competition;
- ☐ Lack of entrepreneurial skills;
- ☐ Lack of funding;
- ☐ Technical skills shortage; and
- ☐ Product testing and accreditation barriers.

In response to the above challenges, The Gauteng Provincial Government continues to drive interventions aimed at promoting the growth and sustainability of township-based manufacturing SMME's and Co-operatives with a view to enhance their level of participation in the Gauteng mainstream economy. It is on this basis that honorable MEC Lebogang Maile will be hosting the first Gauteng Township Manufacturers Platform. The primary objective of this session is to:

- ☐ Create a platform that will showcase Township Manufacturers products, capacity, quality as well as build a database of local Manufacturers;
- ☐ Match local Manufacturers with Big Corporations;
- ☐ Provide procurement opportunities by allowing speakers from both Public and Private Sector to share their procurement opportunities.

To RSVP kindly email: [mkeetse@gep.co.za](mailto:mkeetse@gep.co.za)

### **The details of the event are as follows:**

- ☐ **DATE:** Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2019
- ☐ **TIME:** 09:00
- ☐ **VENUE:** The Reef Hotel
- ☐ **ADDRESS:** 58 Anderson St, Marshalltown, Johannesburg, 2001

**Members of the media are hereby invited to attend and report. To RSVP kindly email: [Mkeetse@gep.co.za](mailto:Mkeetse@gep.co.za)**

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