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For the attention of all media houses

The Sedibeng District Municipality condemns the robbery at and the shooting of the prominent businessman in Three Rivers, Sedibeng

Today, Thursday, 28th July 2011 at 14:30, the Executive Mayor of Sedibeng District Municipality, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng will be leading the Sedibeng District Municipality delegation on a visit to Mr Immelman at the Union Hospital in Alberton, a member of the Sedibeng Mayoral Investment Council and a renowned businessman who was shot by a gang of robbers on Tuesday, 26th July 2011 at his home in Three Rivers, Sedibeng.

Sedibeng District Municipality strongly condemns the intrusion of the gang, driving in more than six vehicles fitted with blue lights resembling those of the police, who stormed into Gary Immelman's house at Three Rivers in Vereeniging which led to the his shooting and the exchange of fire between gang and the police.

His Vereeniging factories, AK Stone Guards employ a thousand people manufacturing centre consoles, wheel arches, car seat covers, carpets, bumpers, side mirrors, chrome emblems and spoilers, among others, for most local car manufacturers.

The Sedibeng District Municipality urges the police to thoroughly investigate this incident and take all necessary actions so that all those involved are brought to book. It is sad to learn that the police themselves have not ruled out the possibility that some of their members (Reservists) could have been involved in the shooting of a businessman who is also a member of the Sedibeng District Municipality Mayoral Investment Council.

We hope that the police will further investigate the allegation of the possible role of their members in this incident and take proper disciplinary measures where necessary.

This shooting incident led to Gary Immelman being shot twice in his upper body and was hospitalized. He is in a stable condition. We call on all, the courts, security forces, business and the civil society to play their respective roles in destroying this dangerous culture of crime.

"Gary Immelman, through his company, is one of the businessmen who brought life in our Region, employing thousands of the poorest. This is the goal we advocate as government. We wish him speedy recovery", said the Executive Mayor of Sedibeng District Municipality, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on hearing the news of Gary Immelman's shooting



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