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## Press Statement

Deputy Minister of Communications assess the status of community media houses

In an effort to revive the community broadcasting sector in the country the Deputy Minister of Communications, Pinky Kekana met with the Management of Lephalale FM and representatives of LLM led by Acting Mayor Cllr William Motlokwa to listen and discuss challenges that led to the closure of the Local Community Radio Station.

The Station's license was revoked following a decision by the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) due to non-compliance issues.

Deputy Minister said community radio stations are a crucial communications tool to disseminate information to far-flung areas. "Community broadcasting has an important role to play in facilitating government's developmental agenda and in the implementation of rural development plans" said Deputy Minister.

Acting Mayor Cllr William Motlokwa said that the municipality was happy with the launching of Lephalale FM in 2014, because the station was used as a vehicle to interact and share information with local communities.

"We hope that these engagements will help bring back our beloved radio station in order to share local and international information in their own languages. The station will also assist in showcasing musical talent of our young and upcoming artist, and the different cultural diversity we have in Lephalale" said the Acting Mayor.

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