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CGF HONORARY PATRON: DR MATHEWS PHOSA - WINDS OF CHANGE

The axiom - 'changes in life' - are the only constant known factors that ring true in the minds of so many South Africans today.

Only 15 years ago, our country was deprived of a true democracy - hundreds of thousands of people were denied their basic rights to life that was free and fair - many black people had no say regarding the outcome of their enslaved lives, neither protection from a government that dictated law and regulation to oppress the poorest of poor. Indeed, whilst some countries in the world stood by and silently condoned the behaviour of a corrupt government, many others rallied support against the oppressed people of South Africa and applied tough economic and diplomatic sanctions as a means to protest against the unruly behaviour of South Africa's past undemocratic government which was rife for so many years. This 'tough love' was the world's manner of showing its disapproval for the poor governance and lack of accountability that prevailed.

Today, South Africa has a new government which is reflective of its people - it's a young government which has introduced much change for the good of all its people. As with change, there will always be the risk that some of the changes may be good, whilst other changes may be perceived to be bad. Our recently appointed government, elected by the people of South Africa in April 2009, has shown its commitment to building and improving the caliber and quality of its leadership and their deliverables through stricter governance measures. The actions undertaken by the South African government to improve the delivery of public services is visibly different compared to past years. President Zuma has clearly shown his



Dr Mathews Phosa accepts an Honorary Patronship from Terry Booyesen (CGF: CEO)

passion for the people of South Africa and has acknowledged that for real and lasting progress to occur, that the government requires the assistance of all its businesses and its citizens to positively contribute toward change that foresees a country which is harmonious and sustainable. These fundamental values, in the context of the business world may be described as good corporate governance - equally, these values rest in the soul of our country's expression of 'ubuntu'. As the Zulus would say, "Umuntu Ngumuntu Ngabantu", which means that a person is a person through other persons and that we affirm our humanity when we acknowledge that of others.

In the spirit of 'togetherness', CGF supports the call of the President such where business leaders unite to assist government's mammoth task to balance the past inequalities which are still evidenced in the social and economic fabric of our country. For these reasons, we are honoured to have Dr Mathews Phosa join our ranks as an Honorary Patron, such where CGF will be able to enjoy a two-way communication and understanding of the manner in which our company is able

to provide a meaningful and significant role that supports good governance across all businesses in South Africa.

Dr Phosa needs no introduction to South Africa - he is a visionary, a poet, a lawyer, a politician and also a notable businessman who has remained committed to change for the good of all South Africans. Dr Phosa advocates the fact that South Africa needs leaders who are honest, inclusive, courageous and willing to work extremely hard to achieve the goals for South Africa. He further supports the need for all South Africans to understand that government, labour, the private sector and communities need to work together to find creative solutions for the obvious and substantial economic and social challenges that face us.

Dr Phosa is mostly recognised for the position he fulfills as the current Treasurer General of the ANC, however he is also regarded as a valuable member serving on the boards of numerous organisations either as a director or chairman. He qualified with a Bachelor of Law degree (Mercantile Law) from the University of the North, then Baccalaureus Procuracionis, and later was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Boston University in 1995.

Dr Mathews Phosa is a true South African at heart and has his roots in Nelspruit, Mpumalanga and was the Premier of the Mpumalanga Province from 1994 to 1999. Dr Phosa served as the Chairman of the Special Olympics Committee in South Africa in 2005 and is also an international member of the committee. He is married to Yvonne (Pinky) Nkwenkwezi, has a son and two daughters and in his private time, when he is not reading classic or spy novels, he is listening to classic music, writing poetry or getting a good physical karate workout.

CGF is honored to have Dr Phosa amongst our ranks. We believe his presence will bring tremendous value to our business objectives - we welcome Dr Phosa to our team with pride. We believe his business experiences and personal accomplishments will bolster the work being done within CGF, further setting an example of exemplary business leadership for the leaders of business in South Africa.

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