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MICROmega’s SEBATA TO SUPPLY NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY WITH ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT SOLUTION

Sebata Municipal Solutions (“Sebata”) has been awarded a contract to supply the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (“NMBM”) with Sebata’s enterprise management solution (“SebataEMS”) for an initial period of three years. Sebata is a subsidiary of MICROmega Holdings Limited which is listed on the JSE under the services sector.

Sebata has had a strong relationship with local government as a customer service provider and active participant in the community for more than 40 years. Sebata will partner with NMBM to uplift the municipality and the lives of the community members as a whole. Sebata’s state-of-the-art software solutions, robust business methodologies and practical experience of working with local government are already helping improve the efficiency and effectiveness of municipalities across the country.

“The importance of the rollout of an enterprise management solution for the metro is far reaching” stated Trevor Harper, Chief Financial Officer at the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro Municipality. Harper goes on to explain “inconsistencies in data and various disparate data sets has proved a hindrance in sound financial and strategic decision making. SebataEMS (Enterprise Management Solution) will assist in this regard by allowing the municipality to plan, transact and report in a unified manner. This will ultimately contribute to the municipality being able to meet its service delivery mandate better.”

Dylan Strydom, managing director of Sebata stated: “We have served, and continue to serve, almost 130 municipalities in South Africa, which is testament to our capability to scale appropriately to meet our clients’ needs.”

The SebataEMS system was redeveloped over the last 2 years to be compliant with National Treasury’s requirement for a Standard Chart of Accounts (“mSCOA”) that will apply to the business processes and reporting of all local authorities in South Africa. This innovation will, forever change the landscape of local government to the benefit of the South African population. By working closely with National Treasury over the past two years, Sebata understands that mSCOA is more than a financial reform – it is an institutional reform. There is, thus, significant effort required to ensure that NMBM is mSCOA compliant by the legislated deadline of 1 July 2016.

NMBM has indicated its understanding of the significance of mSCOA to local government by selecting Sebata as its preferred enterprise management systems provider. The municipality, the fastest growing city in South Africa, is the economic hub of the Eastern Cape. Its effective service delivery to the community is a key and required attribute for supporting and sustaining this status.
Says Strydom: “In re-engineering any process, there is a need for all the parties involved to work in close collaboration, while adopting a robust change management strategy. Sebata and NMBM are deeply committed to walking this road together and are looking forward to ensuring the municipality’s mSCOA compliance, which, with Sebata’s integrated enterprise management solution, will also ensure its residents get improved and consistent service delivery.”

Securing this contract is significant for Sebata and the MICROmega group as it takes the SebataEMS solution into the larger scale market that was previously dominated by SAP.

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