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MEDIA STATEMENT BY MEC JOYCE MASHAMBA ON THE SUCCESS OF WOMEN IN LIMPOPO 2010

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Following the success of Limpopo's acclaimed Gospel artist, Winnie Mashaba, who was awarded the Female Gospel Artist of the Year Award at the 3rd Crown Gospel Music Awards in November this year, more daughters of the Limpopo soil have made us proud.

Limpopo and Polokwane's own beauty Bokang Montjane was crowned Miss South Africa at a glittering ceremony last night. We trust that Ms. Montjane will use her reign to highlight the plight of the women and the youth of Limpopo as well as those issues that affect them.

The Department also herewith wishes to extend a word of congratulations to author Mary Mabuza, who has been honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the South African Literary Awards. Ms. Mabuza was also awarded the Nadine Gordimer Short Story Award for her Xitsonga collection of 12 stories, *Khuluka na Ritavi*. What makes Ms. Mabuza's accomplishment even greater is the fact that she is promoting a previously disadvantaged language and continues to preserve our heritage.

On behalf of the MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Mrs. Joyce Mashamba and the Department, we wish to congratulate these three great women on their separate achievements. They have truly made us proud and will continue to do so. Their achievements come in a time where we have recently highlighted the plight of women and children in this country. May their strength and their achievements be a shining example to all women of Limpopo and to all aspiring young artists and writers to follow in their footsteps.

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