

SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

Mr. R.N Hlongwa

The Acting Municipal Manager reporting to the Mayor
("The Acting Municipal Manager")

AND

Mr. T.G. Soko

The General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority reporting to the
Acting Municipal Manager
("General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority")

Financial year: 01 July 2021 - 30 June 2022

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PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN:

The Zululand District Municipality herein represented by the Acting Municipal Manager (hereinafter referred to as the Employer or Supervisor)

And

Mr. T.G Soko, Employee of the Municipality (hereinafter referred to as the Employee or General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority).

WHEREBY IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Municipality has entered into a contract of employment with the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority for a period of five (5) years, ending on 30 April 2027 in terms of section 57(1)(a) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 ("the Systems Act").
- 1.2 Section 57(1)(b) of the Systems Act, read with the Contract of Employment concluded between the parties, requires the parties to conclude an annual performance agreement.
- 1.3 The parties wish to ensure that they are clear about the goals to be achieved, and secure the commitment of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority reporting to the Acting Municipal Manager to a set of outcomes that will secure local government policy goals.
- 1.4 The parties wish to ensure that the Acting Municipal Manager will be responsible for facilitating the setting and evaluation of performance objectives and targets on behalf of the Municipality. The Acting Municipal Manager shall report to the Mayor in regard to the above.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to –

- 2.1 comply with the provisions of Section 57(1)(b), (4A), (4B) and (5) of the Systems Act as well as the employment contract entered into between the parties;
- 2.2 specify objectives and targets defined and agreed with the employee and to communicate to the employee the employer's expectations of the employee's performance and accountabilities in alignment with the Integrated Development Plan,

Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) and the Budget of the municipality.

- 2.3 specify accountability as set out in a Departmental Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan for the General Manager: Planning and Water Service Authority 2021/2022, reflected as Annexure B to the performance agreement;
- 2.4 monitor and measure performance against set targeted outputs;
- 2.5 monitor and measure the core competencies against competency behavioural standards;
- 2.6 use the performance agreement as the basis for assessing whether the employee has met the performance expectations applicable to his or her job;
- 2.7 in the event of outstanding performance, to appropriately reward the employee;
- 2.8 proactively focus on the development of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority (Personal Development Plan – Annexure C);
- 2.9 give effect to the employer's commitment to a performance-orientated relationship with its employee in attaining equitable and improved service delivery.

3. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SENIOR MANAGER

- 1) Each senior manager of a municipality and each official of a municipality exercising financial management responsibilities must take all reasonable steps within their respective areas of responsibility to ensure –
 - a) that the system of financial management and internal control established for the municipality is carried out diligently;
 - b) that the financial and other resources of the municipality are utilised effectively, efficiently, economically and transparently;
 - c) that any unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure and any other losses are prevented;
 - d) that all revenue due to the municipality is collected;
 - e) that the assets and liabilities of the municipality are managed effectively and that assets are safeguarded and maintained to the extent necessary;
 - f) that all information required by the accounting officer for compliance with the provisions of this Act is timeously submitted to the accounting officer: and
 - g) that the provisions of this Act, to the extent applicable to that senior manager

or official, including any delegations in terms of section 79, are complied with.

- 2) A senior manager or such official must perform the functions referred to in subsection (1) subject to the directions of the accounting officer of the municipality.

4. COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

- 4.1 This Agreement will commence on the 1st of May 2022 and will be applicable until the 30th of June 2022. This agreement will remain until a new Performance Agreement is concluded between the parties, if required during the performance cycle.
- 4.2 The parties will review the provisions of this Agreement during June each year. The parties will conclude a new Performance Agreement and Performance Plan that replaces this Agreement at least once a year by no later than the beginning of each successive financial year.
- 4.3 This Agreement should be read in conjunction with the Contract of Employment and this agreement will terminate on the termination of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority's Contract of Employment.
- 4.4 The content of this Agreement may be revised at any time during the above-mentioned period to determine the applicability of the matters agreed upon.
- 4.5 If at any time during the validity of this Agreement the work environment alters (whether as a result of government or council decisions or otherwise) to the extent that the contents of this Agreement are no longer appropriate, the contents shall immediately be revised.

5. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- 5.1 The Departmental Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan for the General Manager: Planning and Water Service Authority 2021/2022 (Annexure "B") sets out:
 - 5.1.1 The performance objectives and targets that must be met by the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority; and
 - 5.1.2 The time frames within which those performance objectives and targets must be met.
- 5.2 The performance objectives and targets reflected in Annexure "B" are set by the Acting Municipal Manager in consultation with the General Manager: Planning and Water Service Authority, and based on the Integrated Development Plan, Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP), and shall include key objectives, key performance indicators, target dates and weights.
- 5.3 The key objectives describe the main tasks that need to be done.

- 5.4 The key performance indicators provide a means to measure the extent to which a key objective has been achieved.

6. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- 6.1 The General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority accepts that the purpose of the Performance Management System will be to provide a comprehensive system with specific performance standards to assist the Municipality, management and municipal staff to perform to the standards required.
- 6.2 The Acting Municipal Manager will consult the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority about the specific performance standards that will be included in the Performance Management System as applicable to the General Manager: Planning.
- 6.3 The Acting Municipal Manager undertakes to actively focus towards the promotion and implementation of the KPAs (including special projects relevant to the employee's responsibilities) within the local government framework.
- 6.4 The criteria upon which the performance of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority shall be assessed shall consist of two components, both of which shall be contained in the Performance Agreement.
- 6.5 The General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority must be assessed against both components, with a weighting of 80:20 allocated to the Key Performance Areas (KPAs) and the Competencies (Critical Leading Competencies (CLC) and Core Competencies (CC) respectively.
- 6.6 Each area of assessment will be weighted and will contribute a specific part to the total score.
- 6.7 KPAs covering the main areas of work will account for 80% and CLC's & CC's will account for 20% of the final assessment.
- 6.8 The General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority's assessment will be based on his performance in terms of the performance indicators identified as per attached Departmental Service Delivery Budget & Implementation Plan (Annexure B), which are linked to the KPA's, and will constitute 80% of the overall assessment result as per the weightings agreed to between the Acting Municipal Manager and The General Manager: Planning and Water Service Authority.

Key Performance Areas (KPA's)	Weighting
Basic Services Delivery & Infrastructure	35
Local Economic & Social Development	10
Municipal Transformation & Institutional Development	10
Municipal Financial Viability & Management	10
Good Governance & Public Participation	15
Spatial & Environmental Management	20
Total	100%

- 6.9 The critical Leading Competencies (CLC) and Core Competencies (CC) as per Annexure A of the Local Government: Competency Framework for Senior Managers will make up the other 20% of the Employee's assessment score. There is no hierarchical connotation and all competencies are essential to the role of the General Manager. All competencies must therefore be selected from the list below as agreed to between the Employer and the Employee:

CRITICAL LEADING COMPETENCIES		WEIGHT
Strategic Direction and Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact and influence Institutional Performance Management Strategic Planning and Management Organisational Awareness 	25%
People Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Capital Planning and Development Diversity Management Employee Relations Management Negotiation and Dispute Management 	10%
Programme and Project Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program and Project Planning and Implementation Service Delivery Management Program and Project Monitoring and Evaluation 	10%
Financial Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Planning and Evaluation Financial Strategy and Delivery Financial Reporting and Monitoring 	5%
Change Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change Vision and Strategy Process Design and Improvement Change Impact Monitoring and Evaluation 	10%
Governance Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Formulation Risk and Compliance Management Co-operative Governance 	10%
CORE COMPETENCIES		
Moral Competence		5%
Planning and Organising		5%
Analysis and Innovation		5%
Knowledge and Information Management		5%
Communication		5%
Results and Quality Focus		5%
Total percentage		100%

7. EVALUATING PERFORMANCE

7.1 The Departmental Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan for the General Manager: Planning and Water Service Authority 2021/2022 (Annexure "B") to this Agreement sets out:

7.1.1 the standards and procedures for evaluating the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority performance; and

7.1.2 the intervals for the evaluation of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority's performance.

7.2 Despite the establishment of agreed intervals for evaluation, the Acting Municipal Manager may, in addition, review the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority's performance at any stage while the Contract of Employment remains in force.

7.3 Personal growth and development needs identified during any performance review discussion must be documented in Personal Development Plan as well as the actions agreed to and implementation must take place within set time frames.

7.4 Any submission/achievement required in accordance with a KPI will be deemed to be submitted/achieved, only after the Acting Municipal Manager was satisfied that the submission/achievement was of sufficient quality.

7.5 The annual performance appraisal will involve:

7.5.1 **Assessment of the achievement of results as outlined in the Departmental Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan for the General Manager: Planning and Water Service Authority 2021/2022:**

- (a) Each KPA should be assessed according to the extent to which the specified standards or performance indicators have been met and with due regard to ad hoc tasks that had to be performed under the KPA.
- (b) An indicative rating on the five-point scale should be provided for each KPA.
- (c) The applicable assessment rating calculator must then be used to add the scores and calculate a final KPA score.

7.5.2 **Assessment of the CLC and CCs**

- (a) Each CLC and CC should be assessed according to the extent to which the specified standards have been met.
- (b) An indicative rating on the five-point scale should be provided for each CLC and CC

- (c) This rating should be multiplied by the weighting given to each CLC and CC during the contracting process, to provide a score.
- (d) The applicable assessment rating calculator must then be used to add the scores and calculate a final CLC and CC score.

7.5.3 Overall rating

- (a) An overall rating is calculated by using the applicable assessment-rating calculator. Such overall ratings represent the outcome of the performance appraisal.

7.5.4 The assessment of the performance of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority will be based on the following achievement levels for KPA's and CLC and CCs:

Level	Terminology	Description
5	Superior	Has a comprehensive understanding of local government operations, critical in shaping strategic direction and change, develops and applies comprehensive concepts and methods.
4	Advanced	Develops and applies complex concepts, methods and understanding. Effectively directs and leads a group and executes in-depth analyses
3	Competent	Develops and applies more progressive concepts, methods and understanding. Plans and guides the work of others and executes progressive analyses.
2	Basic	Applies basic concepts, methods, and understanding of local government operations, but requires supervision and development intervention.
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7.6 For purpose of evaluating the annual performance of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority an evaluation panel constituted of the following persons must be established –

- a) Acting Municipal Manager;
- b) Chairperson of performance audit committee
- c) Member of the executive committee
- d) Municipal Manager from another municipality

7.7 The manager responsible for human resources of the municipality must provide secretariat services to the evaluation panel referred to in sub-regulations (d) and (e) of the Municipal Systems Act (Act no 32 of 2000).

8 SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

8.1 The performance of the employee in relation to his performance agreement shall be reviewed on the dates provided by the Acting Municipal Manager and one member of the Executive Committee and in case of managers reporting to the Acting Municipal Manager, the Acting Municipal Manager with the understanding that reviews in the first and third quarter may be verbal if performance is satisfactory:

First quarter	:	15 October 2021
Second quarter	:	15 January 2022
Third quarter	:	16 April 2022
Fourth quarter	:	16 July 2022

8.1 The Acting Municipal Manager shall keep record of the mid-year review and annual assessment meetings.

8.2 Performance feedback shall be based on the Acting Municipal Managers assessment of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority's performance.

8.3 The Acting Municipal Manager will be entitled to review and make reasonable changes to the provision of Annexure B from time to time for operational reasons. The General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority will be fully consulted before any such change is made.

8.4 The Acting Municipal Manager may amend the provisions of Annexure B whenever the Performance Management System is adopted, implemented and / or amended as the case may be. In that case the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority will be fully consulted before any such change is made.

9 CONDITIONS OF PERFORMANCE BONUSES

Bonuses based on performance may be awarded to a municipal manager or a manager directly accountable to the municipal manager after the end of the financial year and only after an evaluation of performance and approval of such evaluation by the municipal council concerned.

10 DEVELOPMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

10.1 The Personal Development Plan (PDP) for addressing developmental gaps is attached as Annexure C.

10.1 The Employer shall –

10.1.1 create an enabling environment to facilitate effective performance by the employee;

- 10.1.2 provide access to skills development and capacity building opportunities;
- 10.1.3 work collaboratively with the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority to solve problems and generate solutions to common problems that may impact on the performance of the General Manager: Planning.
- 10.1.4 on request of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority delegate such powers reasonably required by the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority to enable him to meet the performance objectives and targets established in terms of this Agreement; and
- 10.1.5 make available to the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority such resources as the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority may reasonably require from time to time to assist him to meet the performance objectives and targets established in terms of this Agreement.

11 CONSULTATION

- 11.1 The Acting Municipal Manager agrees to consult the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority timely where the exercising of the powers will have amongst others:
 - 11.1.1 a direct effect on the performance of any of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority's functions;
 - 11.1.2 commit the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority to implement or to give effect to a decision made by the Acting Municipal Manager; and
 - 11.1.3 a substantial financial effect on the Municipality.
- 11.2 The Acting Municipal Manager agrees to inform the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority of the outcome of any decisions taken pursuant to the exercise of powers contemplated in 11.1 as soon as is practicable to enable the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority to take any necessary action without delay.

12 MANAGEMENT OF EVALUATION OUTCOMES

- 12.1 The evaluation of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority's performance will form the basis for rewarding outstanding performance or correcting unacceptable performance.

12.2 A performance bonus for the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority in recognition of outstanding performance to be constituted as follows:

a) a score of 130 to 149 is awarded a performance bonus ranging from 5% to 9%

SCORE	AWARDED %
130-133	5%
134-137	6%
138-141	7%
142-145	8%
146-149	9%

b) a score of 150- 166 and above is awarded a performance bonus ranging from 10% to 14%.

SCORE	AWARDED %
150-153	10%
154-157	11%
158-161	12%
162-165	13%
166-ABOVE	14%

12.3 In the case of unacceptable (basic) performance, the Acting Municipal Manager shall –

- a) provide systematic remedial or developmental support to assist the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority to improve his or her performance; and
- b) after appropriate performance counselling and having provided the necessary guidance and / or support as well as reasonable time for improvement in performance, the Acting Municipal Manager may consider alternative steps as advised through a formal disciplinary hearing.

13 DISPUTES RESOLUTION

13.1 In the event that the employee is dissatisfied with any decision or action of the Council in terms of this Agreement, or where a dispute or difference arises as to the extent to which the employee has achieved the performance objectives and targets established in terms of this Agreement, the employee may meet with the employer with a view to resolving the issue.

13.2 During the meeting the employer will record the outcome of the meeting in writing.

13.3 If the parties could not resolve the issues as mentioned in 13.1 the matter should be referred to the Municipal Council (or any other person appointed by the Council provided that such member was not part of the evaluation panel provided for in sub-regulation 27(4)(e) of the Municipal Performance Regulations, 2006,) within

thirty (30) days of receipt of a formal dispute from the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority.

13.4 If the parties do not agree, the dispute may be referred to a mediator, mutually agreed upon by both parties whose decision shall be final and binding on matters covered in this agreement.

13.5 In the event that the mediation process contemplated above fails, clause 20.3 of the Contract of Employment shall apply.

14 GENERAL

14.1 The contents of the Agreement and the outcome of any review conducted in terms of Annexure B may be made available to the public by the Municipality, where appropriate.

14.2 Nothing in this Agreement diminishes the obligations, duties or accountabilities of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority in terms of his contract of employment, or the effects of existing or new regulations, circulars, policies, directives or other instruments.

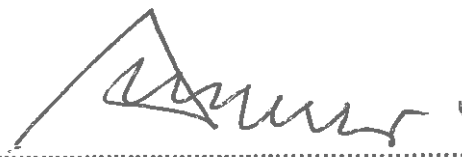
14.3 The performance assessment results of the General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority must be submitted to the MEC for Local Government in the provincial government and the National Minister responsible for local government, within fourteen (14) days after the conclusion of the assessment.

Thus done and signed at Ulundi on this ^{18th} day of May 2022

AS WITNESSES:

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**THE ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER
ZULULAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

Signed at Ulundi on this ^{27th} day of May 2022

AS WITNESSES:

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**GENERAL MANAGER: PLANNING AND WATER SERVICE
AUTHORITY**

ANNEXURE	DESCRIPTION	YES/NO
ANNEXURE A	FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM	
ANNEXURE B	DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER: PLANNING AND WATER SERVICE AUTHORITY 2021/2022	
ANNEXURE C	PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN	

ANNEXURE C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

COMPETENCY REQUIRED	SKILLS/PERFORMANCE GAP	ACTION /TRAINING AND / OR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY	SUGGESTED TIME FRAMES	OUTCOMES EXPECTED
Financial Management	Inadequate evidence of knowledge of general financial concepts, planning, budgeting, forecasting and how they interrelate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend MFMP Subscribe on relevant journals to gain the latest information on Financial Management. 	18 months	Improved financial management decision making skills and understanding of financial methods, process and activities
Change Management	Inadequate skills in putting together change interventions that are aligned with the organization's strategic objectives and mandate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend a course in Organisational Development (Change management) 	24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous improvement Employee development Increased communication
Advanced project management	Intense Project Management Skills might be lacking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course at reliable service provider 	24 months	Capable to strategies and to utilise techniques and processes necessary to manage successful projects.

Signed and accepted by General Manager: Planning and Water Services Authority

Date: 22/05/2022

Signed by the Acting Municipal Manager on behalf of the Municipality

Date: 28/05/2022

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