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## THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LABOUR COUNCIL

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NEDLAC is an institution that has sought to entrench participatory democracy in the post apartheid South Africa and was established in terms of the promulgation of the NEDLAC Act 35 of 1995 so as to provide a collective leadership, by bringing together business, labour, government and community based organizations in the formulation and refining of the country's economic policies.

At its Management Committee (MANCO) held on 25 January 2007 at NEDLAC in Rosebank, representatives of business, labour, government and community constituencies received a briefing from the 2010 FIFA LOC team on preparations for the 2010 Soccer World Cup event. The LOC visit comes as per invitation by NEDLAC Management Committee to provide NEDLAC social partners with the state of affairs with regard to the progress made in preparation of South Africa's historic event, the 2010 world cup. NEDLAC's quest for this briefing was amongst others, to submit a proposal that will conclude a framework agreement whose main objective will be to define and agree on commitments and areas of co-operation between NEDLAC social partners and the 2010 FIFA LOC. Key issues that could form part of this proposed framework could include structured co-ordination proudly South African/local procurement, maximising the economic and employment impact of the 2010, labour standards, infrastructure, BEE guidelines with respect to SMME and Co-operatives and access to matches.

The delegation which was led by Mr. Tim Modise, the Executive Director for Marketing and Communications at the LOC and Mr. Faruk Seedat who is an Executive Director for Finance and Administration, has called for a collective action and leadership by all role players who forms part of the memorandum of understanding signed between SAFA and FIFA to ensure that the 2010 world cup becomes a success, but also to deal with the afro-pessimism that has over the years prejudiced African countries of the economic opportunities that are presented by events of the world cup caliber.

NEDLAC has commended the LOC for the progress made in ensuring that South Africa makes a big success of the 2010 world cup and has pledged full support in mobilising business, community, labour and government behind the work of the LOC.

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