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## **UNQUALIFIED AUDIT REPORT**

The Auditor of South Africa confirm today that Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality has obtained "ÜNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION" for the audit of the financial year 2017-2018. This came after the hard working and dedications by officials in making sure that the audit process went uninterrupted.

This audit report was a build-up that culminated from the financial achievement the municipality obtained during 2015/2016 financial year. It was during this time of the year last financial year that Council of Institute for Government Finance, Audit and Risk Officer (CIGFARO) Awarded the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality a Certificate and Trophy for the most improved Financial Management Institutions.

Meanwhile the municipality aimed for a cleaner audit outcomes, an **Unqualified Audit Opinion** is one big step into a right direction. This is after many years where the municipality battled to getting its financial management in order. During the past few years, the main causes was the prior year's challenges that include the issues of Extension 6 in Marble Hall, the Assets Management and Leave Management.

As part of addressing those past challenges, the municipality employed the Assets Manager to deal head-on with issues of assets, Deputy CFO to focus on the preparation of the financial statement, the Director of Infrastructure to focus and add to the services delivery projects. The municipality has also acquired the ESS, an electronic clocking system as part of commitment to manage leave electronically. All those strategies has yielded positive results of Unqualified Audit Opinion. A commitment is made to build on the foundation made for the next audit, a "CLEAN AUDIT" is ultimate goal for 2018-2019 financial year.

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