





# Official Twinning between Dordrecht-Emalahleni/Dordrecht

Bond of Friendship and co-operation between the municipality of Emalahleni/Dordrecht in South Africa and Dordrecht in the Netherlands.

The municipality of Dordrecht represented by its Mayor: Mr. R.J.G. Bandell

and

The municipality of Emalahleni represented by its Mayor: Mrs. N. Lali

On the basis of the decision of the Municipal Council of Dordrecht in the Netherlands in November 2005 and the decision of the Municipal Council of Emalahleni South Africa dated February 2006 in which an official co-operation between the two municipalities is agreed upon;

Considering the already existing friendly relations and co-operation in the past few years;

Both parties hereby resolve to enter into an official bond between Dordrecht in the Netherlands and Emalahleni in South Africa, in particular the village Dordrecht, part of Emalahleni;

The official bond will be given shape in specific projects and activities.

### Article 1 - Purpose

The cooperation aims at:

- Promoting the bond between Dordrecht and Emalahleni in general and the village of Dordrecht in particular.
- Organising exchanges for the purpose of strengthening the administrative, financial and technical know how
  of Emalahleni local government.
- Forging personal relations between social, cultural, political and religious organisations, groups and institutions in both cities especially targeted at the village Dordrecht in Emalahleni.
- Rendering administrative and technical assistance to Emalahleni Municipality.
- Improving the economic development of Emalahleni and especially the Dordrecht Village where possible.

## Article 2 - Protocol of co-operation

Specific fields of co-operation and activities are described in protocols of co-operation and memoranda of understanding.

Both parties will make a real effort to actively promote the bond of friendship between their cities and citizens and to support initiatives to this end.

To foster the co-operation between civic organisations, Dordrecht the Netherlands established an independent Twinning Foundation Dordrecht-Dordrecht in March 2005. Emalahleni Municipality shall investigate possibilities for establishing a similar organisation in Dordrecht South Africa that can act as a counterpart for the organisation in Dordrecht.

## Article 3 - Coordination

The International Relations Department of Dordrecht Municipality will be responsible for the coordination and communication of the activities within the co-operation.

The International Relations Department of Emalahleni Municipality will be responsible for the coordination and communication of the activities within the co-operation.

#### Process

Both parties undertake to partake in a periodic exchange on information about the developments in their cities and the contact between the citizens, so as to put themselves in the picture about the way in which the bond of friendship and co-operation between the cities and their citizens is maintained casu quo is developing.

#### Final considerations

Both parties Dordrecht and Emalahleni express the expectation that the friendly relations that have been created in the past between the two municipalities form a solid basis for

fruitful co-operation in the future between the two municipalities and their citizens.

Executed at Emalahleni/Dordrecht: April 16th Zood.

The mayor of Dordrecht Municipality in the Netherlands

The mayor of Emalahleni Municipality in South Africa

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