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The Sekunjalo Group

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**To: HE Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa  
President Republic of South Africa  
President African National Congress**

Attention: HE Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa c/o Malebo Sibiya

Sent via email to: [malebo@presidency.gov.za](mailto:malebo@presidency.gov.za); [presidentrsa@presidency.gov.za](mailto:presidentrsa@presidency.gov.za)

Dear Mr President

**RE: Letter of condolence: Late Minister Jackson Mphikwa Mthembu**

Like millions of my fellow South Africans, I received with deep shock and sorrow the news of the untimely passing of Minister in the Presidency, Mr Jackson Mphikwa Mthembu.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic early last year, Minister Mthembu became the face of our nation's fight against the pandemic as he relentlessly sought to utilise his immense political and communication skills to communicate government's key messages in the fight against the pandemic.

The sacrifices made by Minister Mthembu for the freedom which all South Africans enjoy today are well documented in the history books. For many years, as the face of the African National Congress his dedication and fierce commitment to the political struggle and unique capability to communicate the Party's strategy won him the admiration of friends and foe alike.

There is no doubt that Minister Mthembu set the standard in terms of leadership and patriotism. The avalanche of tributes to Minister Mthembu from across the globe is testimony to his popularity and the respect he commanded.

Minister Mthembu's legendary communication skills, transparency and openness won him great respect and admiration among the journalists and editorial leadership of Independent Media.

At a time when our country is confronted with a number of critical challenges, Minister Mthembu's death most certainly leaves a gaping hole in both Government's and the ANC's political and communication structures. His shoes will no doubt be huge ones to fill.

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The unrelenting sacrifices made by Minister Mthembu for our freedom and the building of our democracy will not be forgotten.

On behalf of the Sekunjalo Group and Independent Media, I extend our sincere condolences to the Mthembu Family, the African National Congress and Government. We wish you immense strength during this extremely difficult time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Iqbal Survé', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Dr Iqbal Survé**  
**Chairman: Sekunjalo Investment Holdings**  
**Executive Chairman: Independent Media**