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I MADIBA PROJECT – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mr Erhardt Thiel is a well -known artist from Stellenbosch. In 2016 he erected a public sculpture in front of the University Museum as part of the *Woordfees*- a festival held in Stellenbosch every year.

This innovative public sculpture was inspired by Mr Mandela's prison cell on Robben Island and is not only intended to be seen but to be utilised as a safe public space for intergenerational dialogue.

It is Mr Thiel's wish to create as many editions as possible of this sculpture and to place them throughout the country. An interest in the work has been shown as far afield as Michigan State University.

We support Mr Thiel's I-Madiba Project as we believe that an initiative of this nature is very urgent and timely.

Yours faithfully

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