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## MEDIA STATEMENT

**To: All media**

**Attention: News/Sports Editors/Journalists**

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### **MEC Mazibuko saddened by the passing of Ted Dumitru**

Gauteng MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Faith Mazibuko, has added her voice, bemoaning the passing of iconic football coach Ted Dumitru.

Dumitru, who was born in Romania, made South Africa his home 20 years ago when he was recruited by Kaizer Motaung

Says MEC Mazibuko: "I am stunned and saddened by the loss of this underrated and passionate legend of our game. Despite being in the country for only 20 years having come from his native Romania, his impact on South African football has been tremendous and will last forever".

"He is undoubtedly one of the most successful and decorated coaches in the country whose success is also found in the success of what we regard as the top 3 South African and Gauteng based soccer teams he coached -being Chiefs, Pirates and Sundowns".

"On behalf of the people of Gauteng and the soccer loving nation I'd like extend my sincerest condolences to his family and the entire soccer fraternity. His death is indeed a great loss to soccer development" concludes MEC Mazibuko.

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