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Subject: PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON SPORT AND RECREATION MEETING - FRIDAY 26 MAY 2006 AT 09:00
Importance: High

Dear Madam,

We are in the receipt of your invitation regarding above-mentioned subject, and we thank you for it! It was very pleasant surprise for us to receive this invitation from your reputable office, and we are happy to notice that your reputable office has trust in our experience and knowledge when it comes to boxing industry.

However, as we will be hosting on the same day in Johannesburg, WBC International Live Televised Championship, we will not be able to attend your meeting.

Please let me know if there is anything else we can assist you with regarding this, or any other matter.

In the mean time, please receive our best personal regards!

Branco Milenkovic & Jacob "Baby Jake" Matlala

WHAT'S NEW @ BSP "Doubling Up" the Boxing Power at Nasrec

When it comes to the "Added Value" payoff line, the Branco Sports Productions (BSP) promotional duo of Branco Milenkovic and Baby Jake Matlala are certainly the current undisputed leaders in the local boxing industry.

The much-anticipated SA junior flyweight title rematch between champion Muvhuso Nedzanani and mandatory challenger Sizwe Sinyabi at the Nasrec Indoor Arena in Johannesburg on Friday, 26 May, will now also have the vacant WBC International belt thrown into the mix.

With the WBC International title up for grabs over and above national honours at Nasrec, and Ali Funeka's WBC International lightweight challenge in East London the following night, it could place BSP in the unprecedented position of controlling no less than eight International Champions with the very reputable WBC sanctioning body by the end of May.

This could come about due to the fact that the winner of the Nedzanani-Sinyabi grudge fight has agreed to sign automatic future promotional rights with BSP. BSP now holds WBC International Championship rights in a big spread of divisions, ranging from mini-flyweight to welterweight, with the exception of junior featherweight, junior lightweight and junior welterweight.

Nedzanani (14 wins, 1 loss, 3 draws) will be making the fourth defence of his national title against the East London-based challenger Sinyabi (16 wins, 6 losses, 1 draw) and both fighters feature in the Top 20 in the latest WBC ratings (Nedzanani - WBC # 13 AND WBO # 14) and (Sinyabi - WBC # 17).

If one takes into account the history between the two boxers, then nothing less than fireworks can be expected at Nasrec on the 26th. Nedzanani annexed the title from the self-same Sinyabi in a very close points decision on 18 February last year and he cannot afford to fail in light of the way forward mapped out by BSP en-route to a possible WBC world title.

The main supporting event on the Nasrec card could well steal the thunder from the title fight when former SA

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junior welterweight champion Lucky Lewele, now campaigning as a welterweight, meets the highly rated, hard-punching Welcome Ntshingila.

Boxing starts at 7.30 with live coverage on SABC Sport's Blow by blow – Uncut on SABC 2 from 22h00. Ticket prices have been pegged back at a very reasonable R50-00, considering the status of the main event and the action-packed undercard.

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WHAT'S NEW @ BSP

It's " Showtime "

for Myekeni in the WBC

World Boxing Council (WBC) International flyweight champion Mhikiza " Showtime "Myekeni has been installed as the new number one contender for the WBC world title.

Barely able to contain his delight at the exceptionally good news for the Branco Sports Productions (BSP) consortium, promoter Branco Milenkovic had to then absorb the news that, not only was their charge in front of the queue, but also confirmed as the mandatory challenger for the world title held by long-time champion Pongsaklek Wonjongkam of Thailand.

Milenkovic was sent a copy of the correspondence from WBC President Jose Sulaiman addressed to Pongsaklek's management regarding the initiation of free negotiations for # 1 contender Myekeni to face the defending champion.

As with all championship fights in the pipeline, the letter from the WBC did, however, make it abundantly clear that if free negotiations between the two parties are not concluded by Friday, June 16th, 2006, the fight will go to a purse bid at the WBC Executive Offices in Mexico City.

" The WBC are very proud to sanction this mandatory title defence of a great champion from Thailand against our WBC International champion and great prospect from South Africa," the letter went on to say.

BSP, headed up by the charismatic Branco, has come up trumps yet again, proving that they are masters of negotiation when clinching mega-fights for the boxers under their wing and August has already been pencilled in as a possible date for the fight.

In the short space of just a week, Milenkovic has successfully negotiated no less than three legitimate world championship fights involving Gabula Vabaza for the Vacant IBF World Junior Featherweight crown, Hawk Makepula's

involvement in the IBF World junior bantamweight final eliminator and now negotiations for Myekeni's crack at WBC World flyweight championship honours.

This deal according to the boxing experts, although we are still in the mid of the year, has put BSP as a front runner again for the "Promoter of the Year Award" - the achievement Branco and Jake have holding for the past two years!

" This is honestly great news for South African boxers to get such worldwide recognition from the leading organizations," said Milenkovic. " I cannot recall in the past where three local boxers have been nominated in such quick succession for legitimate championship challenges," added Milenkovic.

Myekeni will be one of very few South Africans in recent times to be afforded the "mandatory challenger" tag for a legitimate WBC world championship. That honour previously fell to Sugarboy Malinga, who successfully wrested Nigel Benn's super-middleweight title from the champion's grasp, while Mzonke Fana fought his way into the top contender's position last year, before challenging the legendary Marco Antonio Barrera for the junior lightweight crown.

Other South African who have challenged in the past for legitimate WBC world title glory, but on a voluntary basis, were Corrie Sanders, Dinga Thobela, Giovanni Pretorius, Phillip Ndou and Morgan Ndumo.

In Pongsaklek, the South African challenger faces, undoubtedly, the stiffest challenge of his professional ring career. The tough, ultra-experienced Thai has defended his world title no less than 14 times and his record makes for very impressive reading (63 fights, 61 wins - 31 ko's - 2 losses). Pongsaklek does have a remote SA-connection on his ring record. Back in 1997, he easily disposed of the late Mzukisi Sikali in one round.

Marketing Director and co-promoter of BSP, Baby Jake Matlala, was understandably delighted to learn of the latest turn of events. " Branco has done great work with Myekeni's career in no time," said Matlala.

That much is clear, when one considers that Myekeni has taken just 11 months, and three fights, to become a mandatory challenger for a world crown. " Although Pongsaklek is very experienced, he is definitely more of a boxer than a puncher, with a 50 % ratio of victories inside the distance," Matlala pointed out.

Myekeni underlined his skill on the 31st of March with a clinical

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