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**PROVINCE IS COUNTRY'S BEST FARMWORKER DELIVERY
"A feat achieved at the 2016 National GM Awards Ceremony"**

The province's endeavours to ensure the advancement of average communities received a much deserved recognition at this year's National Govan Mbeki Awards recently held at Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. Limbo Trading emerged as the best Farm Worker Assistance contractor in this year's fiercely contested campaign. Competing with strong contenders from other provinces, the company clinched the accolade after it satisfied essential standards befitting for an ideal rural and farm residence category. The programmer should have an uncontested land tenure rights/ tenure rights on the land portion/s allocated. It should use local labor and provide skills for development to the farm residents and must provide access to basic services within the reasonable distance.

The awards are aimed at recognising key role players who have contributed substantially to government's efforts of housing the needy within integrated and sustainable communities. They seek to honour all partners within the built industry in partnering with government to deliver proper human settlements as defined by the Department's broaden mandate of delivering integrated sustainable human settlements. The awards were initiated by the forum of Minister and all Provincial MECs (Mimic) in 2006. They present an opportunity to recognize efforts by showcasing excellent accomplishments within the human settlements value chain.

Company Director, Mr. Sydney Mazibuko who showed confidence at the very start commended the Department of Human Settlement's belief in developing contractors to deliver services for the less fortunate. ***"I had a strong feeling that I will do my province proud and ensure that we take this one home"***, he quipped. Being a rural province, Mpumalanga is pulling every stop to ensure the development of traditional areas through a number of programmes. ***"Once again, I have to thank the department and the officials who guided me and the company to achieve such an accomplishment"***, concluded Mazibuko.

Speaking on behalf of the provincial government, MEC Speedy Mashilo heaped praises at all the participants on their gallant fight to challenge the best in the country. Said Mashilo, ***"We have to give credit to the government, service providers and all role players who ensured that we put our name on the map"***. Over the past few years the Department has set flawless standards to reward stakeholder's best practices and their exceptional efforts within the construction and development of human settlements. Another notable feat was Ngani Properties which secured second position under the Youth Category.

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