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VALIDATION OF TEKWANE NORTH HOUSING BENEFICIARIES NEARLY COMPLETE.

The Department of Human Settlements together with the City of Mbombela are consolidating the process of issuing confirmation letters to lawful beneficiaries of the Tekwane North Ext. 1 integrated human settlements project. This follows illegal eviction and victimisation by certain individuals or group of people who demanded houses at the project. By close of business on Monday, 402 rightful beneficiaries were given their confirmation letters and only 88 still expected to come forward.

All those who have not yet collected theirs are urged to visit the site without delays. Police, Government officials and the Sheriff of the court are there to assist them. The process started last week Thursday with the two government institutions attempting to take back the concerned beneficiaries after they were illegally evicted from their houses following the official handover of about 500 integrated human settlement units by MEC Speedy Mashilo and City of Mbombela's Executive Mayor Clr Sibusiso Mathonsi.

MEC Mashilo condemns the illegal evictions of rightful beneficiaries and invasion of some unoccupied houses by this group of individuals as it is tantamount to criminality and is against the law. "The Department and the municipality urge all victims to report any challenges experienced as a result of this criminal act to the police. Police will continue to monitor and normalise the situation on site, protect the public and property", charged Mashilo. The process of issuing confirmation letters which started last week continues this week every morning from 09:00 to 15:00 at the site.

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