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## **ERMELO WELCOMES A MASSIVE BREAKING NEW GROUND (BNG) PROJECT.**

Residents of Ermelo and surroundings in Msukaligwa Local Municipality, Mpumalanga are to benefit from the Department of Human Settlements' multimillion-rand **Breaking New Grounds (BNG)** project that will see **4700 housing units** built and **5731 stands serviced** over the period of three years. The project that will yield different housing typologies constructed at Ermelo Extension 44 is part of MEC Norah Mahlangu's mega projects under the Integrated Human Settlements Programme aimed at fostering and bringing about much needed social cohesion and integration.

Speaking at the launch, MEC Mahlangu reiterated the Department's commitment to its strategic objective of creating livable neighborhoods. "We embarked on projects that are close and easy access to opportunities of employment. We want communities with all necessary social amenities and playgrounds hence we invited other Departments to come with development in extension 44", charged Mahlangu.

She was also critical on the role of municipalities in relation to their planning by stressing that they must ensure that residents have adequate access to housing on a progressive basis, ensure health and safety of its inhabitants, provision of water, electricity, roads, storm water drainage and transport in a manner, which is economically efficient. She then called upon all partners to work closely with communities and local business to ensure a smooth running of the project.

Adding his voice, Executive Mayor of Msukaligwa Cllr Buti Mkhali lauded the development as the tone setting for more development in the town. "We are grateful for this housing development as will be a tone setter for future development across Msukaligwa. The futuristic outlook for the town will be seen through this project", lauded Mkhali. He also called upon communities not to frustrate the progress of the project and jealously protect and defend this development.

The Department is also planning the following integrated projects as announced by during the 2020/21 budget speech: Umjindi Extension 17, Thaba Chweu- Sabie, and Mashishing Extension 6 and 8, Nkomazi at Mjejana and the Special Economic Zone, Mashishing Extension 6 and 8). Mbombela it will be Nkosi City and Smart City in Matsafeni, Dingwell, Langverwardht Kempville, Townlands, Piet Retief, KwaZamokuhle - Steve Tswete, Naauwpoort, Rondebodch, Townlands, Phola at eMalahleni. Other successful BNG projects include the famous Klarinet at eMalahleni, Rockville at Middelburg, and Tekwane South in the City of Mbombela.

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