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DEPARTMENT OUTLINES PLANS FOR INTEGRATED HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The projected plan to roll out integrated sustainable human settlements in Mpumalanga is set to bring much desired development to scores in Mpumalanga. Head of Human Settlements, Mr Kebone Masange has once again appealed to a massive number of land developers who are poised to help improve the living conditions of the needy of houses. Masange addressed appointed implementing agencies to acquaint themselves with the vision and expectations of the Department going forward.

Masange confirmed that it was one of his prerogatives to meet with the implementing agencies before they could commence with their work on the ground. He emphasized that it was prudent for him to meet them and outline their contractual issues as well as expectations in line with ensuring compliance and quality to deliver on Mega Projects that will allow residents to access social and economic opportunities close to where they live.

“As a Human Settlements Department we are at the centre of development in the province. This means being able to determine the norms and standards of developing and planning our human settlements strategies. This includes but not limited to, the coordination and development which brings in an integrated approach to support all sister departments with issues like land development and the implementation of bulk services in communities”, said HOD Masange.

He told all tasked agencies to take into cognisance their contractual obligations and familiarize themselves with all the expectations of his Department to avoid unfortunate misunderstandings in the future. He said, “The Department has got four trenches with which it envisages to carry out its work. No one would expect to get payment without having completed their allocated trenches.”

He said the trenches in their respective emphasis will include the carrying out of bulk infrastructure services, followed by the engineering services, the servicing of sites and lastly the title deeds allocations. “The Department’s newly introduced approach as guided by our master plan clarifies the fact that we are not only in for RDP houses but many other deliverables including CRU’s, gap market and many other segments of transformation in our communities”, added Masange. In his last State of the Province Address, former Premier David Mabuza applauded human settlements for the massive delivery it recorded over the last few years. “A total accumulative number of 27 655 housing units have been delivered – therefore translating to a 66% performance of the Department’s planned targets”, stressed Mabuza.

Masange concluded by encouraging all contractors to know the beneficiaries whom they will be building for. He insisted that this is one critical part they should not overlook and if need be, they can consult with the respective municipality to identify such beneficiaries. “You cannot build a house for someone you don’t know or have never seen. I encourage you all to know your beneficiaries. This will help avoid wrongful allocations once the house is complete”, concluded Masange.

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