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MEC MASHILO VOWS TO CLAMP DOWN ON ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

If Mpumalanga Human Settlements MEC, Speedy Mashilo could have his way, the delivery of shoddy work, illegal occupation of houses and land will soon be history. The Department has over the years been inundated with numerous concerns around these dishonest activities bedevilling communities. MEC Mashilo told a gathering of stakeholders during the Department's annual Govan Mbeki Awards held at the City of Mbombela this week.

The 2006 initiated awards honour exceptional performance by stakeholders and contractors who made significant contribution and performed well to assist government to deliver sustainable integrated human settlements in the province. Mashilo indicated that the Constitution of the Republic did not imply that people should illegally invade properties they did not own when it said there shall be houses for all. "We cannot allow for such to happen. Everyone that is found illegally occupying this houses will be evicted to allow the rightful owner their freedom to own their house."

Mashilo admitted that despite grappling with issues regarding the availability of land, the Department is more than ready to build where there are serviced sites with proper installations for viable infrastructure. He said, "We will set up a meeting with our traditional leaders for a possible solution as to how we can get portions of land. We must remember that not everyone is expecting us to build for them. People need land so that they can put up their desired structures and there are those of course who want RDP houses."

He further emphasized that the ceremony was not happening as a result of compliance but to ensure that good work be promoted to encourage those that are fighting tooth and nail to better the lives of the people of Mpumalanga. Meanwhile Head of Human Settlements, Mr Kebone Masange reminded contractors to take their work serious and visit the sites. "We still have contractors who do not know where their projects are. All because they depended on their sub-contractors, that cannot be tolerated in the Department. We need you to take responsibility and be able to report about your work when asked to do so."

Notably winners include Sihle Developers & Plan Hire for IRDP, XJR Construction for Informal Settlements Upgrading, Best Social Institution is Emalahleni Housing Company, Women Contractor is Delu Trading CC, Rural Housing Project is Dwarsloop Primary Cooperative Limited, Farm Residence Project is Lumfo Trading CC, and Youth Contractor is Ngani Project CC. These contractors will represent the province at the national awards at Kwa-Zulu Natal later this year.

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GM AWARD WINNERS 2016

Best Rural Project

1. Dwarsloop Primary Cooperative Limited
2. Nwamenchisi Agricultural Co-Operative
3. Ndzalama Project Engineering

Best Informal Settlements Upgrading

1. XJR Construction
2. DR Bongani Investments 066 Cc
3. Chachulani Joint Venture

Best Farm Residence Project

1. Lumfo Trading CC

Best Women Contractor

1. Delu Trading CC
2. Vertiflex
3. Maphoyisa Construction and Accommodation

Best Youth Contractor

1. Ngani Project CC
2. Matletle Bravosat 180 JV
3. Elezulu Construction

Best Integrated Residential Development Programme,

1. Sihle Property Developers & Plant Hire
2. Basadi Civic Construction

Social Housing Programme

1. Emalahleni Housing Company

Non-Subsidy Sector

1. Hurd Rock Builders
2. Atzopath (Pty) Ltd
3. Beckers Bouaannemer (EDMS) BPK

Most Beautified, Clean and Enhanced Project

1. Emalahleni Housing Company

MEC'S MERIT AWARDS:

(NB: They are not in winners, but merit therefore there are NO winners)

Best Emerging Contractor

- Zemangce
- Sukuyimani
- Falconi Projects

Best Military Veterans Contractor

- Imagagane Construction
- Mathayela
- GS Fencing

Best Conveyancer

- MT Silinda & Associates
- Singwane & Partners Attorneys
- SJ Thobela

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- Rise FM News Team
- Radio Bushbuckridge (News Team)

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- Ms. Beatrice Shongwe (African Eye News Service)
- Ms. Phumla Nkalanga (Mpumalanga News)