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### Media Statement

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#### Mahikeng residents receives tittle deeds

Ms Dorothy Lemme of extension 39 in Mahikeng in the North West is the first among more than 1000 beneficiaries of low cost houses to receive a tittle deed in her area on Thursday. The handover of tittle deed is part of government's programme of assuring low cost houses beneficiaries of ownership and as well as restoring their dignity.

Receiving the tittle deed the visibly elated Lemme, who is also a social grant beneficiary, could not stop thanking government for reassuring her that she is the owner her four roomed low cost house. "Its been years since government promised us to hand over tittle deed. I happy today its happening. I can extend or do what I want with this house as well as the piece of land. My children now have a home," said the 68 year old Lemme.

Handing over the tittle deeds to few of many beneficiaries in Mahikeng, MEC for Human Settlements Mmoloki Cwaile and the Mahikeng Local Municipality Mayor Betty Diakanyo called on recipients to pride themselves with those properties as they are home for them and their generations to come. Both MEC Cwaile and Mayor Diakanyo agreed that there are challenges, but as government they are ready to resolve them.

According to Mayor Betty Diakanyo It is government's responsibility to make sure that communities live in comfort and secured homes. "We have a contract with our communities, and we have agreed that we will deliver services to them. And that's what we are doing here today. We will continue to promote ownership and restore dignity, to our community of

Mahikeng. We know that we have taken a little longer to finally deliver this important documents to you. We had to do due diligence to ensure that we hand over this tittle deed to correct beneficiaries. We are equally excited as the municipality that finally you are the owners of this houses,” said Mayor Diakanyo during the hand over.

MEC Cwaile also encored Mayor Diakanyo’s sentiments. He said that government has thus far constricted about 278 thousand low cost houses in the North West along. “We are aware about the backlog in building houses for our beneficiaries and also handing over tittle deed in most of our settlements across the province. This is part of the programme that government has embarked on to ensure that our people live and own houses that are well constructed, that are in a habitable environment, that will be part of their generations. The tittle deed we are handing over simply says your are now the owners, and its official,” said MEC Cwaile.

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