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North West Human Settlements promises to deliver Houses to Military Veterans

The North West Department of Human Settlements recently held a consultative meeting with developers to look into the Alternative Building Technologies (ABT) as a new method that can be used to fast-track the processes of delivering on the long awaited promise of building houses for military veterans through the Military Veterans Housing Programme which seeks to restore their dignity, improve their housing conditions as well as ensure access to adequate housing, security, tenure and shelter. The ABT method if considered will encompass more economical, effective and environmentally friendly building materials and construction methods

Speaking during the meeting, Mr Orapeleng Tabile: Deputy Director responsible for Housing Development and the Provincial champion said this session came as a result of the backlog in the construction of the houses for military veterans and to bring on board developers so that they can present their services and offerings as well as to provide progress on the Military Veterans Housing Programme “the programme is one of the initiatives that the department in collaboration with National Department of Military Veterans and Municipalities is rolling out through the identification of beneficiaries from the database and allocation of sites where the houses will be constructed.

Tabile also added that the confidence on this promise stems from the fact that the Department has already engaged with the Department of Military Veterans, Beneficiaries and Associations, and a resolution to proceed with the new required specification or and enhancements was reached, which will however not have any additional funding needed as the contractors will be working within the allocated budget.

“Currently the Department has managed to appoint contractors is Lethabong, Mahikeng and Ganyesa who have been instructed to establish sites and commence with the construction of the houses. The department is also finalizing the administrative matters for the appointed contractors at Matlosana; JB Marks and Maquassi Hills. In Rustenburg, the department is finalizing the provision of serviced stands for approved beneficiaries,” concluded Tabile.

The Department would like to affirm that the project will be rolled out in the same manner as it is in other provinces and the department cannot deviate from the policy governing the Military Veterans Housing Programme.

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