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#### Human Settlements appoint over 30 developers

The North West Department of Human Settlements acting head, James Mashigo, reiterated that his department will continue to prioritise, women, youth, people with disability, child headed households and elderly people when delivering low cost houses within the province. Mashigo made the emphasis during the introduction of appointed contractors to local municipalities across the province.

The Construction of low cost houses was halted for the past three years due to external and other internal administrative challenges. However following the adoption of a new tactics and strategies, the department declared that, in the next few months the North Wes province will be turned into a construction site, with a sole purpose of building habitable homes for legible beneficiaries as well as prioritising vulnerable groups.

Thus far eight contractors have been officially appointed and further anticipating that 24 more will be appointed in the next few weeks. The department hopes that as soon as every serviced site has been identified and contractor appointed work will begin and believe that over five thousand houses would have been delivered by March next year.

The acting head of department James Mashigo appealed to all municipalities especially municipal managers to work closely with appointed developers to ensure that delivery is fast tracked and the electorate receives houses as promised by government. "Government has taken a resolution to that it will build houses on serviced land with water, sewer and other basic amenities. We do this mainly to ensure that after we handover a house to a beneficiary, all services are available. We therefore urge all municipalities to

do their part and work with us. We are ready to hit the ground running, as soon as we are done appointing every contractor in all identified projects,” said Mashigo.

One of the contractors appointed to build 200 units in the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati district is Palesa Pitso, a woman contractor, of Kgantso Trading Enterprise. The developer was introduced to the Devondale community outside Vryburg and has promised to work together with them and to deliver on time. “Im now part of this community and will work closely with them to ensure that we deliver quality houses on time as the department expects,” said Pitso.

The department further called on local councillors and beneficiaries to be part of the said projects, mainly to ensure that issues such as illegal occupation, shoddy workmanship and other challenges are evaded. Municipalities welcomed the appointments and agreed that 30% of the local labour force will be from the local communities.

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