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### **Media statement**

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#### **MEC Kegakilwe meets with executive committee of SAWIC-NW**

The MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs in the North West province, Mothibedi Kegakilwe recently met with representative of the South African Women in Construction (SAWIC-NW) to discuss amongst others, the involvement of women in construction.

At the meeting, MEC Kegakilwe committed the department to allocating to some of the housing projects to women contractors, including designated groups (i.e. military veterans, youth contractors and disabled people) and to resuscitate the 1956 programme which focuses on allocating 1956 housing units to women contractors, in commemoration of the 1956 women's march to the Union Buildings.

"We are aware of the fact that there are women contractors who have fully developed and are doing well in terms of performance, others cede their projects. Other women contractors do not perform as expected and they do not cede their projects. We need to come up with a policy on how we can get big companies can develop smaller companies", he said. Chairperson SAWIC-NW XoliMoagi said it was high time SAWIC focused more on business operations.

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