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### Media statement

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#### **Housing development in Khuma**

The North West MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mothibedi Kegakilwe recently dispatched a team of engineers from the Housing Development Agency (HDA), the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC) and the Department to establish the availability of suitable land for housing development in Khuma, Klerksdorp.

The team confirmed that of the identified land only 33% of the 110 hectares was not dolomitic, and therefore not recommend for housing development. They performed preliminary screenings on the new of land registered under the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (national). These preliminary screenings indicated that this land may be dolomite free.

Further tests will be conducted on the identified land through geotechnical studies to determine suitability of the land for human settlements development. The department has mandated the Housing Development Agency (HDA) to initiate the land transfer process with the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure to transfer the land to Matlosana local municipality for purposes of human settlements development.

This will address the issue of housing development which include unblocking of blocked projects and address the plight of the former hostel dwellers who are currently accommodated in temporary structures.

The housing development budget for the municipality is ring-fenced and therefore can be reprioritized should the land issue be resolved in the current financial year.

The department has set aside R488 765m to build 2360 units and 2360 serviced sites across all municipalities in Dr Kenneth Kaunda district.