



Media statement

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Mining towns get a face lift through housing delivery

The Department of Local Government and Human Settlements in Bokone Bophirima, remains committed to bringing dignity to the people living in mining areas. Of the 3462 housing units budgeted for in 2014/2015, 2999 have been delivered.

MEC Collen Maine, in his 2015/2016 Budget Speech mentioned that at least R482 681 million has been ring-fenced and will be used for the development of mining towns. He said eleven informal settlements have been assessed and work will commence for the installation of internal services in Nkaneng, Ikemeleng, Freedom Park, Popo Molege, YizoYizo, Maditlolwa, Sporong North and South, Mbeki-Sun, Inkaneng and Wonderkop.

“In Matlosana, Alabama we are planning for this financial year to service 966 sites and construct 588 top structures. On the overall 4188 houses will be constructed around mining towns inclusive of Madibeng, Rustenburg, Kgetlengrivier, Moses Kotane and Matlosana, in this financial year. Marikana Extension 2 Integrated Development Project continues to be implemented, in partnership with LONMIN and Rustenburg Local Municipality, and it will yield over 2000 housing units over a period of three years, having commenced from 2014/15. We further commit to deliver 500 units at Segwaelane village”, he said.

MEC Maine said the initial phases of the 292 Breaking New Ground housing units and 252 Community Residential Units were planned for the 2014/15 financial year and currently contractors are on site, adding that a considerable progress have been registered to date.

“This is despite having encountered interference from the community and other concerned groups. However, constant engagement with all concerned groups continues on a weekly basis. This phase of the project is envisaged to be completed in July 2015. This financial year we have planned to build 300 Breaking New Ground as part of the second phase.

As part of the continued development of the Marikana area, more than 200 hectares of well located land suitable for human settlements has been purchased, and it will yield at least 7000 mixed development housing opportunities over the next five years. An amount of R18 million has been budgeted for, in the 2015/16 financial year, for township establishment, engineering services design and environmental authorisation as well as design and approval of top structures. The joining planning processes for this project will be undertaken by Housing Development Agency (HDA) and the Department, in this financial year”, he mentioned.

He said in Madibeng Sunway Integrated Development Village, 1000 low cost housing units have been completed and handed over to the beneficiaries in the last financial year and that an additional 500 units will be constructed in this financial year
“At the end, this project will, yield 1500 units comprising of different typologies of community residential Units, social housing and Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP)”, he concluded.

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