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HUMAN SETTLEMENTS TO CAPACITATE CONTRACTORS

The resolution to capacitate emerging contractors in the province comes as a result of the Department's intervention to assist contractors in ensuring that the mandate as enshrined in the constitution is achieved, this also is part of the actions to fast track the delivery of houses at the expected pace, This move was announced by the head of department for Human Settlements, Ms. Kgomotso Mahlobo, during the quarterly North West Military Veterans Provincial Steering Committee meeting (NWMVPSC) held in Rustenburg recently.

The department will further monitor and provide this skills gap to contractors to decrease or face off and close on all backlogs in the Military Veterans housing programme. The emphasize on the need to empower contractors is to ensure completion of these projects hence we will be approaching the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC) and Housing Development Agency (HDA), which are both the agencies of the department to join hands regarding the matter.

Mahlobo indicated that a special focus will be placed on entry level contractors to ensure that they are well equipped. "We are going to structure contracts for both already established and emerging contractors, and the upcoming ones will be placed under the wings of those already established to avoid abandoning of projects in the province, " said Mahlobo

Jacky Mamabolo from the National department of Human Settlements urged the Department of Military Veterans (DMV) to speed up the process of the beneficiary lists so that provinces can start with implementation. He also advised that since most provinces have challenges in terms of the untraceable Military Veterans, the department needs to focus on the approved ones, whilst working on other challenges to avoid delays.

The representative from DMV, Alfred Maringa said one of the challenges that is delaying the process is the specification confirmation and finalisation on houses. He advised the department not to deviate but build according to the national specification approved by the Minister. The HOD has also acknowledged the challenges brought forward and said that the department will expedite this programme for implementation. She informed the meeting that the MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Nono Maloyi has the full support of this programme because he wants service delivery.

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