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COMPLETE PROJECTS OR LOOSE OUT MEC YAWA TELLS CONTRACTORS

Public Works MEC, Honourable Mr. Howard Yawa says contractors who fail to address snag lists to ensure that projects reach their final completion will henceforth be classified by his department as high risk. This will lessen their chances to be awarded projects by his department.

MEC Yawa said this at a meeting with consultants and contractors held at the Embassy Hall in Mafikeng today. He said the tendency to ignore snag lists is unacceptable as it affects budgets negatively.

He urged consultants and contractors to ensure that projects reach their final stages and that final accounts are submitted to the department to close up the projects.

He committed his department to a targeted 15 days turnaround for the payment of construction payment certificates and a maximum of 30 days for the settlement of corrected invoices.

The MEC further said that his department is committed to a partnership with construction industry role-players that share government's vision of a transformed construction industry that creates opportunities for empowerment of women, youth and the disabled.

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