



MEDIA ALERT AND INVITATION

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DEMOLITION OF 2-ROOMED HOUSES, 10 APRIL 2013

The Free State Executive Council together with the communities of Phelindaba and surrounding areas in Mangaung will witness the demolition of two roomed houses in Phelindaba, Bloemfontein as the implementation of the province's commitment to rebuilding these houses in the entire province is implemented. The rebuilding of the 2-roomed houses and the reconstruction of the one-door houses – these in Blugumbosch specifically- will be carried out over the MTEF period.

The two roomed houses have deprived our people of the dignity that owning a home should afford a family – privacy, comfort and sense of pride and belonging.

“Re se re dula fela ho ba re tla reng. Tsona tthe ka nnete di boima, empa ha ho Tshwane le mekhukhu.” said one of the residents that are now due to have their houses demolished and rebuilt from today.

Thus far 51 two -roomed houses have already been identified in Mangaung for demolition and rebuilding within the current financial year, with construction for 8 of these due to start this week. The process of verification and planning for demolition and construction will be continued in the rest of the province targeted for completion in the MTEF period.

In his state of the Province Address, Premier Magashule stated:

“Some of the major programmes that will continue to unfold during the forthcoming year include; The replacement of one-door as well as two-roomed houses remains one of the provincial priority projects as part of the rectification programme. We must also attend to the “umbrella” houses in the Nala Local Municipality. The one-door houses that need to be replaced include those located in Bluegumbosch.”

The commitment was further elaborated on by MEC SM Mlamleli in her budget vote:

“Acting Speaker, we will demolish two roomed houses over the MTEF. For the 2013/2014 financial year, focus will be on Mangaung - Phelindaba and Heidedal, Bothaville in Nala Municipality, Bronville and Henneman in the Matjhabeng Municipality and Schonkenville in Ngwathe Municipality. This is to ensure that our people's dignity is restored.”

Furthermore we will, during the MTEF, rectify the one door houses in Bluegumbosch in Maluti-a-Phofung and other identified areas.”

EVENT DETAILS:

DATE: 10TH APRIL 2012

TIME: 13H30

VENUE: Rocklands, Zulu Street near Nzame Secondary School

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