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BAPHALABORWA LOW COST HOUSING MEDIA STATEMENT

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Good Morning

The department has learned with shock and dismay about a social media release on one of its Low Cost Housing Projects being implemented in Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality.

In this Social Media Release, the department is being depicted as doing shoddy work in constructing Low Cost Houses in the said Municipality. The department has therefore found it important to put the record straight with regard to this project and other projects being implemented in the province.

To be precise on this project and the two houses that are depicted, it has to be put on record that the department's construction regime picked up the problem of poor workmanship on the said two houses as early as March this year. Following this discovery, a non-compliance certificate was issued to the contractor. Accordingly, the contractor was instructed to demolish the two houses and rebuild them in terms of department and generally accepted standards and quality of houses as it is the case with other housing projects in the province.

The constructor demolished the first house and as the second house was to be demolished, the COVID-19 national lockdown was declared, bringing construction to a halt. This is the said house that is being depicted and making the unfortunate rounds in the social media space.

Following the recent relaxation of the lockdown regulations, the contractor has since returned to site, demolished the remaining house and the rebuilding of the two houses is to start. MEC Basikopo Makamu has visited the project on Thursday 27 August 2020, reprimanded the contractor and gave instruction that the two houses and the project in the area must be completed as a matter of urgency.

Project houses built in the same area were also visited and inspected and were found to be of quality and compliant with departmental building standards.

Hope this will assist in giving a proper perspective of this project and the department's commitment to build quality houses in the province.

Thank You

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