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**Department of Cooperative Governance,  
Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs  
NORTHERN CAPE**

### **MEDIA STATEMENT: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **MEC BENTLEY VASS MEETS WITH THE CONTRACTORS APPOINTED FOR THE 1 BILLION RAND HOUSING PROJECT FOR THE NORTHERN CAPE LAUNCHED BY PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA AND PREMIER SAUL IN JANUARY 2024.**

MEC Bentley Vass responsible for the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) in the Northern Cape, on Thursday, 13 March 2025, met with the Implementing Agents (IAs) and contractors appointed for the 1 Billion Rand Housing Project for the Northern Cape, launched by President Cyril Ramaphosa and Premier, Dr. Zamani Saul, in January 2024.

The project was launched to address the huge housing backlog in the Northern Cape and will deliver a total of 2500 units as part of the first phase of the project, across thirteen (13) local municipalities, in the five (5) districts of the Province.

The meeting was part of ongoing engagements with the contractors to address delays in the building process that may delay the delivery of these houses to the beneficiaries.

MEC Vass emphasised the need for contractors to accelerate the pace and to meet their contractual obligations and agreed timelines.

Addressing the contractors, MEC Vass said “We are not going to tolerate undue delays or shoddy workmanship, because our communities deserve good quality houses, sooner than later, from this government. We are monitoring your performances closely across the five districts, and we are going to ultimately terminate non-performing contractors because we cannot continue at this slow pace.”

Two (2) Implementing Agents (IAs) and nineteen (19) contractors were appointed by the Department in 2024 to be part of this project. The IAs are responsible for overseeing the entire project. They committed to monitoring the contractors closely and to apply necessary proactive measures to prevent any delays.

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