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UPDATE ON THE 1 BILLION RAND PRESIDENTIAL HOUSING PROJECT FOR THE NORTHERN CAPE LAUNCHED BY PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA IN JANUARY 2024.

On 18 January 2024, President Cyril Ramaphosa, launched the 1 Billion Rand Presidential Housing Project for the Northern Cape in Roodepan, Kimberley (Frances Baard District).

This followed a process of frontloading to allow for the Northern Cape to substantially increase housing delivery in a short space of time as was announced by the President during the launch.

A total of thirteen (13) local municipalities throughout the five (5) districts of the Northern Cape will benefit from this project. This project seeks to fast-track housing delivery and address the housing backlog in the province.

The Department of COGHSTA has appointed two (2) Implementing Agents (Iceburg Brunnel JV and Bigen Africa) to oversee the entire project across the five districts. Eighteen (18) contractors have been appointed to date and have completed site establishments. Work has commenced in earnest to build houses in most of the communities that are target beneficiaries of this groundbreaking initiative of the Province.

The MEC of COGHSTA, Mr Bentley Vass, said he was happy that the project has taken off and communities can see practical work within their communities.

Vass said "After all due diligence processes have been followed, I am happy that we have appointed contractors that will build houses to benefit our communities to address the housing backlog of the Province, we are also equally happy that during the process of building the houses, jobs will be created for local communities and there will be some economic spin-offs for local businesses and entrepreneurs".

Furthermore, Vass stated that “All appointed contractors must know that the Department will not expect sub-standard workmanship or low-quality houses, and must avoid unnecessary delays that will disadvantage the beneficiaries of this project”.

The Department continues to work hard within the budget limitations to ensure that the housing backlogs in the Province are addressed and that the target beneficiaries are allocated houses as per the policies of the government.

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