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Deputy Minister Zou Kota Fredericks – Lerato Park Housing Handover

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Good Morning to the community and the people of Lerato Park

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MEC: A Botes

Francis Baard District Municipality: Executive Mayor: K Moloji

Sol Plaatjie Local Municipality: Executive Mayor: A Ntlhangula

Head of Ministry for Coghsta: Mr M Madyo

Motheo Group: Dr.T Ndlovu

All Protocol Observed

Today is a victorious day for us as Human Settlements and for the Northern Cape Province especially for the people of Lerato Park. As the Department we are proud to be part of this project where today we hand over homes to **491 families.**

It has not been an easy journey but it has been worth it. We must never forget that a house is every family's heritage, dignity and a place of safety.

This area started as a barren piece of land and **TODAY** it is an integrated human settlement area.

This is an achievement for us as a department and as the South African Government working together towards the realisation of the 2030 NDP plan, which one of its aims is to upgrade all informal settlements on suitable well located land by 2030.

Where we stand right now used to be an informal settlement since 1987 and today we are seeing and telling a different good South African story that this government delivers to the people.

As part of our key objectives and focus as Human Settlements we are determined to continue delivering to South Africans by prioritizing and fast tracking,

- **The speeding up of sanitation rollout programme before the end of the current term of government;**
- **Mitigating on underperformance issues by reallocation of unspent funds by provinces to other performing projects;**
- **To intensify the handing over of title deeds, and**
- **The handing over of government houses built before 1994.**

Next week Monday the 7th of October is the United Nations (UN) Habitat Day and the purpose of World Habitat Day is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities and the basic right of all too adequate shelter.

South Africa is one of the countries the UN looks at as a growing progressive country as we as a government strive to facilitate the creation of sustainable Human Settlements and improved quality of household life for our people.

Urban planning and design like we see here at Lerato Park today focus on how to bring people and places together, by creating cities that focus on accessibility, and optimal urban densities, rather than simply increasing the length of urban transport infrastructure.

We have a good story to tell as South Africa and Lerato Park is part of the stories that will be told as we look forward to celebrating the 20 years of our democracy.

As Human Settlements we are committed and passionate about working together with our people to build better sustainable communities in South Africa.

Halala Lerato Park Halala

I thank you

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