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**Speech by Zou Kota-Fredericks**  
**Social Housing Hand Over Project**  
**Scottsdene Kraaifontein, Cape Town**  
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Programme Director: Mr.ThandoMguli

The MEC, Mr Bonginkosi Madikizela

Executive Mayor of the City of Cape Town: Ms Patricia de Lille

Members of the Provincial Legislature

Councillors

Chairpersons and CEOs of our institutions: NHFC and SHRA

Invited Guests

The community at large

Members of the media

**Molweni,**

To the families who will be receiving keys to the one hundred and twenty eight (128) homes in this project I would like to say, thank you for believing that this government of ours has delivered as promised since 1994.

This is a true example of the success of the 3 spheres of government working together.

**3 spheres of government:**

- 1. National**
- 2. Province**
- 3. Municipalities**

The President of the Republic of South Africa President Jacob Zuma made a clarion call to all government departments to go back to basics to ensure professional and improved service delivery to our people to ensure radical economic transformation in our communities.

No longer will families have to wonder from place to place. This will be your homes, Amakhaya enu, your address, your anchor, your assets.

Treasure this special moment and allow no one to take this home from you. This is an investment in your children's future and therefore in your country's future.

Don't sell your homes and leave your children without a home.

It is illegal to sell the home we as government build for you and your families.

2015 has also been declared the year of the freedom charter where South African government led by President Jacob Zuma will provide improved basic services to our people working together in taking South Africa forward.

And indeed we will live out what is said in the freedom charter stating **“There shall be houses for all”**.

Honourable MEC, As the Department of Human Settlements We remember Joe Slovo who passed on 20 years ago as a man of bravery, ingenuity and a revolutionary that contributed immensely in ensuring that there shall be houses for all.

Our government subscribe fully to and reiterate the statement made by Joe Slovo, the former Minister of Housing at the Botshabelo Accord when he said:

“Government strives for the establishment of viable, socially and economically integrated communities which are situated in areas allowing convenient access to **economic opportunities, health, educational and social amenities** and within which South Africa’s people will have access on a progressive basis to: a permanent residential structure with secure tenure, ensuring privacy and providing adequate protection against the elements; portable water and adequate sanitary facilities including waste disposal and domestic electricity supply.”

The government will continue to demonstrate its commitment towards this statement through delivering a human settlement like the one we handing over here today, where our people can stay, play and pray.

We continue to build communities who should live in fulfilment of the Freedom Charter.

For our people, the provision of housing is not a mere commodity. It is therefore government's strategy to address asset poverty, provide a secure environment for families to live – for their children to do homework and study, for social stability, and so on. We will continue doing this for a better South Africa for All.

**What is of importance to us is the fact that this project is within major transport and economic nodes.**

- It is within close proximity to schools and health care services.
- Cape Town CBD centre is within 30 km radius.
- This is a high rise project comprising 2 to 4 storey blocks and the average of 8 units per floor in each block.
- The project is under construction with 128 of 500 units being completed and ready for occupation.

Executive Mayor, this project is a clear example of how cooperation between all spheres of government, the private sector and communities can work for the greater good.

This requires a co-ordinate approach to planning and development by all sector departments and spheres of government involved.

What this means is that, in this day and age, it is unacceptable to houses without schools, clinics, police stations, recreational facilities, proper public transport system and closer to places of work.

Ladies and gentlemen, my department is committed to delivering nothing less than good quality housing to our communities.

Department also held a National Human Settlements Indaba on October 16 – 17 2014.

Creating a platform to review progress made in the implementation of the 2004 Breaking New Ground Policy and review the Social Contract for the Rapid Housing Delivery signed in 2005.

At the end of the Indaba a Social Contract for the Development of Sustainable Human Settlements was signed with Human Settlements Stakeholders.

The contract details the (stakeholders) level of partnerships and contribution towards the 1.5 Million housing opportunities by 2019.

We will continue to ensure we build quality homes like the ones you are renting through this programme built by a homebuilder who is registered with the National Home Builders Registration Council, an agency of the National Department of Human Settlements.

This, ladies and gentlemen is extremely important because you then know where to take your complaints to, should there be any evidence that the units have structural defects.

I therefore expect officials to make sure that the new homeowners have the necessary names and numbers of contact people who will assist them in this regard.

Honoured guests, I wish to thank MEC Madikizela, The Mayor of the City of Cape Town, the builders -Madulammoho, NHFC, SHRA, officials and all those who had the foresight and commitment to make this day possible. To the families here today, and those who have already moved in, we say to you, Thank you and enjoy your new homes.

Siyaqhuba eKapa

I thank you.