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**BREAKING NEW GROUND**

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Welcome to the Breaking New Ground (BNG) Newsletter of the **Department of Human Settlements**. This newsletter will keep the public informed about the work done in the past week.

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### First FLISP beneficiaries move into Forest Village Housing Development



The first 12 beneficiaries who acquired their homes with the assistance of the Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) in the Forest Village Housing Development in Eerste River, Western Cape moved into their units this week. Forest Village is one of the Western Cape mixed-use housing development.

An ecstatic beneficiary and new homeowner Ntombi Peters said “I lived with my parents in Malibu Village, so having my own home is unimaginable and can’t explain how I feel right now. I am over the moon at the fact that I am now a homeowner. I must also state that I am satisfied with how the FLISP application process went, and I am so thrilled with the final product which is my home. Thank you to all who assisted and made this possible for me.”

The project caters for beneficiaries of different income levels and specific needs such as Military Veterans and includes Breaking New Ground (BNG) and FLISP units. Upon completion, the project is envisaged to provide housing opportunities to over 5000 beneficiaries.

### Poor performing contractors will no longer be tolerated in the Human Settlements Sector



The Minister of Human Settlements, Mmamoloko Kubayi recently issued a strong warning to all implementing agents and contractors working on human settlements projects across the country that the days of poor project delivery without consequences are coming to an end.

We can no longer allow, under such a constrained fiscal environment, project developers and contractors to waste public resources on poorly implemented or incomplete projects. From now hence, we are going to tighten contract management such that consequence management is integral in every contract. Any contractor who, without a reasonable explanation, is found to have violated contractual obligations will be dealt with accordingly,” said Minister Kubayi.

This follows Ministers inspection of human settlements projects, some of which have been running for years without completion and others abandoned leaving poor and indigent potential beneficiaries without a shelter over their heads. She also implored provinces that those contractors who are delivering should be paid within 30 days to accelerate housing delivery in the country.

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The Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) also known as the Breaking New Ground (BNG), provides beneficiaries with a fully built house that is provided free of charge by the Government. To qualify you must earn less than R3500 per month, per household. Beneficiaries of RDP Houses are still required to pay for all municipal rates which may include water and electricity or other service surcharges.

