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MEDIA STATEMENT: NQUTHU MUNICIPAL MAYOR CLLR. EN MOLEFE LAUNCHED A HOUSING PROJECT WORTH MORE THAN R50 MILLION IN NONDWENI TOWNSHIP NORTH OF KWAZULU-NATAL

A housing project which remains on hold over 17 years in Nondweni north of KwaZulu-Natal has been dusted for the benefit of the community. It was one of the top issues the Hon. Mayor of Nquthu Municipality Cllr. EN Molefe offered to tackle when she steps into office in 2011.

This project was muddled by poor workmanship and corruption now Nondweni Community regains confidence about government. 655 houses would be demolished and re-built while 74 houses need to be refurbished and 500 new to be built. After lengthy consultations between Nquthu Municipality and the Provincial Department of Human Settlement which yielded the result to restore human dignity and this essential constitutional right of these pure community the project was restored. Hundreds of people flocked into community hall to witness this change which takes place right 6 months before the country celebrates 20 years of freedom and democracy.

The Municipality and the Department has signed the agreement which warrants close supervision and monitoring of the project. Mr. Londa Ngcobo from Department of Human Settlement outlined that cooperation between stakeholders gives full and equal responsibilities to work towards the completion of the project without further obstacles. He outlined that they are aware that by the time of project inception in 1996 municipalities like Nquthu were not there since it was established in 2000.

The project is estimated to be completed in October 2014

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