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FIRST HOUSES WITHIN THE TRANSHEX HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT HANDED OVER TO PRE-QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES

Wednesday, 15 March 2023, will be etched in the history of the Breede Valley as a day of great significance, as it resembled the day on which the first 44 houses within the Transhex Housing Project were handed over to pre-qualified beneficiaries.

In a powerful message to beneficiaries, Minister Tertius Simmers (Provincial MEC for Human Settlements) associated the occasion with the 2010 Soccer World Cup theme: “Ke Nako” meaning “the time is now”. *“Although the project has endured various trials and tribulations, the time is now. Much can be said about this project. Much can be learned through this project. But what I can tell you is that the houses you are about to get, is something that we all can be proud of.”* Minister Simmers conveyed. Simmers further encouraged beneficiaries to take ownership of their houses, to build a community on the principles of camaraderie and UBUNTU, to be a beacon of hope and guidance to the beneficiaries that will follow, and to participate in- and safeguard the future development of the project.

This message resonated with all beneficiaries present, as the pride and joy could be sensed in the atmosphere. Mr W. Ntamo, a Transhex beneficiary who opened the proceedings with prayer, said: *“I am extremely happy to receive a house today. Since I started voting in 1994, I have never received a house from government or the municipality. My wife and I will reside happily with our three grandchildren.”* Mr J. Visser, an avid community activist and Transhex beneficiary, said: *“This is one of the proudest moments of my life. Being a homeowner within the Breede Valley is an opportunity I have waited for all my life. After the proceedings, we, as first residents of Transhex, informally met one another and discussed important matters relating to community safety and societal matters. We are confident that the existing challenges will be overcome and look forward to welcoming the new residents”.*

The Executive Mayor of Breede Valley Municipality, Alderman Antoinette Steyn, commended the dedication applied by all stakeholders to achieve this milestone, notwithstanding the myriad of challenges experienced. *“This joyful occasion must inspire us as Government to further strengthen our working relationship and expedite the remaining project deliverables.”* said Alderman Steyn. She reiterated the Minister’s call to beneficiaries to take pride and ownership of their new asset and build a community on the core values of unity.

The remainder of the 190 houses, part of phase 1.1 of the development, is scheduled for transfer to pre-qualified beneficiaries over the next two weeks. Breede Valley Municipality and the Provincial Department of Human Settlements reconfirm their commitment to expedite the remaining project deliverables and promote human dignity through the Transhex Housing Project.

In closing, we echo the sentiment conveyed by Minister Simmers, “Ke Nako” – your time is now.

Further reactions hereon, can be viewed via the following links:
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