

## **MEDIA ALERT**

**To: All Media**

**Attention: News Editors**

**For immediate release**

**Wednesday, 13 October 2021**

### **MEC MAILE AND MAYOR MASINA TO RELEASE LAND FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

MEC Lebogang Maile and Executive Mayor Cllr. Mzwandile Masina, will be in Palm Ridge, City of Ekurhuleni, tomorrow Thursday 14 October 2021, to officiate at the Rapid Land Release programme in line with the electoral commitments of the ANC-led provincial government.

MEC Maile together with Executive Mayor Cllr. Masina will hand-over service stands to deserving beneficiaries who are able to build houses for themselves. After the symbolic hand-over of service stands to beneficiaries, media interviews will be held to outline the significance of the project by MEC Maile.

The Gauteng provincial government, in line with the electoral commitments of the governing party, has committed itself to tackle the housing backlog in the province in the next coming five years. Due to in-migration and rapid urbanization Gauteng has a housing backlog of 1 million, which is the highest as compared to other provinces.

This groundbreaking Rapid Land Release Programme is aimed at releasing and making serviced stands available to Gauteng residents to provide for their own housing needs. The programme is targeting households who do not qualify for government's fully subsidized housing and by their income levels cannot access home loans.

This year alone 1355 service stands will be released to rightful beneficiaries to build their own houses. The beneficiaries were drawn from a National Housing Needs Register.

During the State of the Province Address (SoPA) Premier Makhura emphatically stated that "the mega human settlements are about changing the spatial landscape

of our province. There is visible progress regarding the implementation of most of the mega projects being undertaken in partnership with the private sector”.

The details are as follows:

DATE: Thursday 14 October 2021

TIME: 10am

VENUE: Palm Ridge, Extension 34, City of Ekurhuleni

Members of the media are hereby invited to attend and report. For confirmations contact Luzuko Pongoma, email: [luzuko.pongoma@gauteng.gov.za](mailto:luzuko.pongoma@gauteng.gov.za) or mobile: +27 (79) 501-9977

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