

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MEC Maile takes a firm stance with developers**

Earlier this morning, Thursday 13 February 2020, Gauteng MEC for Human Settlements, Urban Planning and CoGTA, Lebogang Maile held a high-level engagement with mega human settlements developers at Cedar Park Hotel and Conference Centre, outside Woodmead, Sandton.

MEC Maile's engagement with developers sought to find a way to accelerate mega project delivery, converting all existing sites to completion in the shortest time possible, so as to ameliorate the housing crisis in the province.

"Part of the process today entails a performance review of all developers against contractual obligations", said MEC Maile.

According to MEC Maile "we are looking at the overall progress on our mega projects, on a project by project basis, so that we have a shared view of the way forward in terms of unblocking all bottlenecks that are preventing our mega projects from being completed on time, and as a result delaying housing delivery in the province".

The current ANC-led administration made an electoral commitment to prioritise human settlements, one of the core demands from the electorate, expediting the delivery of mega human settlements, in order to make a significant dent in the huge housing backlog in the province.

The engagement has given developers set targets within specific time frames as part of the acceleration of mega human settlements delivery.

"Developers that are not performing and delivering within the agreed time frames and targets are going to have their contract reviewed or terminated. This will be done in order to avoid circumstances where government money is spent where services are not delivered timeously, whilst expectations of beneficiaries are increasing at a rapid pace ", warned MEC Maile.

"As a way of tackling bottlenecks that derail mega project completion and delivery, a mega project steering committee involving all relevant departments and municipalities has been established, in order to ensure the accelerated implementation and delivery of mega human settlements in all corners of the province", concluded MEC Maile.

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