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Minister Zwane visits Lephalale housing projects

Lephalale – Lephalale Municipality hosted Mineral Resources Minister, Mr. Mosebenzi Zwane during the Exxaro Social and Labour Plan housing project hand over and launching of a new housing project on Thursday, 22 October.

The Mayor of Lephalale, Clir Jack Maeko, the Executive District Mayor, Rosina Mogotlane, Exxaro CEO Mr Sipho Nkosi, Municipal Manager, Edith Tukakgomo, the Acting MM for the Waterberg District Me. Mabore Mampa, as well as Grootegeluk Coal General Manager, Johan Wepener joined the Minister in visiting various housing projects in Lephalale and Marapong.

The visits included a sod turning ceremony in Onverwacht where Exxaro is currently embarking on a new residential building project.

In Marapong, a plaque was unveiled in honour of the Minister's visit, signifying the official launch of the Marapong housing facilities recently built by Exxaro. The Minister took time out to engage with beneficiaries of the housing project.

During his key note address at the Mogol Club, Minister Zwane welcomed the commitment by Exxaro CEO Mr Sipho Nkosi and congratulated him and his team on the successful launch of the housing project. He commended the company for their contribution to the Lephalale community thus far. Minister Zwane acknowledged the good working relationship between Exxaro and the Municipality, but noted that some areas could be improved.

"The company has taken the first step towards integrating settlements and assisting employees towards home ownership. The fact that 20% will be made available to members of the community is indeed welcome. It is encouraging to see the way the company is integrated into the community in which they operate," Minister Zwane said. He further urged the company and its employees to work together in prioritizing matters of health and safety.

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