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ROCKDALE HOUSES.

The Mpumalanga Department of Human Settlement were introduced on the 24th of June 2016 and informed the Municipality that they have appointed service providers to construct 505 houses at the following places Rockdale 305 houses, Kwazamakuhle 100 and Newtown 100.

At Rockdale 170 houses have been handed over, in Kwazamakuhle 98 houses have been handed over and the remainder the Municipality is still busy with the installation of water meters. All of these completed houses are provided with bulk services.

The Municipality has encountered some challenges amongst other the delay in installation of water meters. The inspections could not be completed by the Municipality, the Province and NHBRC inspectors. The challenge for the completion of the final inspection is a result of poor workmanship by some of the contractors, hence the Municipality could not handover uninspected houses. Illegal occupation of houses during the construction of the houses resulted in damages to the houses.

It has always been the position of the Municipality to only handover houses once they have been completed and successfully inspected by the Municipality, Province and NHBRC inspectors. Therefore the Municipality does not provide occupation certificates if the house is not ready for occupation. The beneficiary on the handing over of the occupation certificate will be requested to sign happy letter once they have satisfied themselves that they are happy with the quality of their houses, should the beneficiary not be satisfied they compile a snag list (finishing touches list) and the contractor will be requested to attend to the snag list. The contractor is paid per milestone completed



the final payment can only be processed once the happy letters from the beneficiaries are received by the Municipality and the Province.

It is around this background that we wish to assure the residents and legal beneficiaries that we strive to ensure that quality houses are provided to the beneficiaries of Steve Tshwete Local Municipality RDP houses. The only destruction are those who occupy illegally as a result delaying the legal occupiers and contractors to complete their work. We wish to urge our community to work with the Municipality in order to ensure that only legal occupation takes place.

The Municipality due to the quality of service and houses that it builds for its Community has won an award in National Best Performing Accredited category B Municipality in the country which was handed over on the 09th November 2017, the Municipality also won the Provincial award Best Performing Accredited Level 2 Municipality in the Pronvince and one of its contractors was here to be handed over his award on the 31st October 2017 in the presence of the media right here in this boardroom which was received at SALGA and his name is Louis La Grange. This just to display how quality is important to us.

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Yours sincerely

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