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### Media release

#### Land grab not on council-owned land

The Municipality would like to state that none of Council-owned land has been illegally occupied. This comes after allegations that since Friday 9 September 2016, hundreds of squatters claimed pieces of land and started building shacks on the property of Black Wattle Colliery outside Middelburg near Aerorand. The land referred to herein is privately owned land.

In monitoring land grabs, Law Enforcement officers are deployed to prevent any illegal and criminal action related to land grabs but does not attend to private land. The community is urged to respect the rule of law.

The position of the Municipality is that housing assistance is given to persons on the waiting list. STLM is committed to providing residents with housing and ensuring that their dignity is preserved. The municipality promotes orderly and sustainable human settlement.

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Yours sincerely

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