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**SUBJECT: KZN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS MEC NP NKONYENI KICK-STARTS THE STALLED MZUMBE CLUSTER C RURAL HOUSING PROJECT**

Barely a week in office, the newly appointed KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni has already put her shoulders on the service delivery wheels with a timeous intervention on the stalled 1 000-units Mzumber Cluster C Rural Housing Project in Mzumbe Municipality on the South Coast.

MEC Nkonyeni will be introducing a new Implementing Agent (main contractor) **tomorrow Thursday 06 June 2019** to the beneficiary communities of the Mzumbe Cluster C Rural Housing Project.

The project in the Mzumbe Municipality straddles four Wards comprising Wards 1,2,3 as well as 4. It has hit several snags thus resulting in the delay of the delivery of the much-needed houses for the beneficiaries residing in the four Wards.

The delay by the previously appointed Implementing Agent saw the frustrated beneficiary communities registering their disquiet in the form of a public protest thus triggering the timeous intervention by MEC Nkonyeni just a few days after being assuming office as the Executing Authority for Human Settlements and Public Works.

The termination and swift appointment of a new Implementing Agent underscores MEC Nkonyeni's resolve of placing service delivery at the apex of her priorities as she steers the Human Settlements Department on a new trajectory during the term of the sixth administration.

Members of the media are invited to witness this critical milestone in rural housing delivery.

**Details of the feedback meeting and new contractor introduction are as follows:**

**Venue: Mpumuza Community Hall (near Bhekameva High School),Mzumbe Municipality**

**Date: TOMMOROW Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Time: 10H00**

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