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DIGNITY RESTORED FOR UMZINYATHI RESIDENT DURING WOMEN'S MONTH



(Above right): Mrs Ndwandwe pauses in front of her new home as reality sets in that she is entering a new chapter in her life. The finished product (left) was built using Alternative Building Technology (ABT).

The dignity of a family of nine, who have been residing in a make-shift derelict corrugated iron structure, was restored when the MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Ms N.P. Nkonyeni officially handed over a house to them. The house, built using Alternative Building Technology (ABT), was donated by Siphumelele Business Enterprise. This forms part of a series of Women's Month commemorative events organised by the KZN Department of Human Settlements.

Siphumelele Business Enterprise is an emerging, Black women-owned company, seeking to grow into a sustainable business in the construction industry, more particularly in the human settlements sector. The house has been built as a donation to the family. Speaking at the handover, Managing Director Ms Sonto Sikhakhane said, "Many thanks to MEC Nkonyeni for giving us an opportunity. These are the results of the Women's Summit hosted last year by Human Settlements. The knowledge we received from there made us think outside the box and I hope platforms like these will carry on in the future".

The beneficiary, Ms Thembekile Ndwandwe (66), could not hold back the tears of joy when she finally entered her new

home after pausing for a while to accept reality. She said, "No words can express how I'm feeling this moment. My life will change for the better since my health is not so good. I'd like to give thanks to MEC Nkonyeni and Siphumelele Business Enterprise for restoring my dignity".

In handing over the ABT house MEC Nkonyeni said, "When we hosted the summit we were hoping to see these results. I hope this encourages other youth out there and especially women to seize the opportunities".



(Above): The youth who built the house.