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**SUBJECT: 97 LEARNERS GRADUATE WITH EPWP CERTIFICATE IN BUILDING AND CIVIL CONSTRUCTION**

About 97 young people from Impendle and Mkhambathini Municipalities in KwaZulu-Natal Midlands have been given a head-start in life following their completion of a rigorous six-month Expanded Public Programme linked training course in Building and Civil Construction.

To celebrate this milestone, MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works Ravigasen Pillay will **today Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018** officiate at the Graduation Ceremony of these young people who have met the minimum requirements for the National Certificate in Building and Civil Construction.

The youths were recruited through the EPWP to partake in a training programme that saw them being exposed to various modules of housing construction. This exposure and the completion of the training course have put them in pole position with respect to getting work opportunities – a critical element of the Government's EPWP.

Among the modules these 97 learners were exposed to include Bricklaying and Plastering as well as Roofing and Carpentry. The training for the learners has been facilitated by the uMfolozi Trade and Vocational Education and Training College.

Their training was implemented through ensuring that theoretical, practical and workplace components of training were undertaken concurrently within project implementation thus enabling the learners to acquire and apply skills immediately to project activities

The graduating youths were drawn from different Wards within Impendle and Mkhambathini Municipalities in uMgungundlovu District where the Department of Human Settlements is currently

implementing projects such as the Impendle Phase 2 Housing Project and Mkhambathini Ward 07  
Rural  
Housing Project

The Department's quality assurer, the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC) has  
also  
undertaken to provide bursaries some of the learners for them to continue their studies in the Built  
Environment discipline at accredited Trade and Vocational Education Training (TVET) College.

Members of the media are invited to cover this historic milestone in creating sustainable working  
opportunities for young people under the auspices of the Expanded Public Works Programme.

The details of the graduation ceremony are as follows:

**Date: Tuesday, 12 June 2018**

**Time: 10H00**

**Venue: Ngilanyoni Sportgrounds, Ward 07, Mkhambathini Municipality**

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