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**SUBJECT: 40 LEARNERS GRADUATE WITH EPWP CERTIFICATE IN BUILDING AND CIVIL CONSTRUCTION**

HARDING - FORTY young people from Umuziwabantu Municipality in Ugu District in southern KwaZulu-Natal have been given a head-start to 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 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018** officiate at the Graduation Ceremony of these young people as they have met the minimum requirements for the National Certificate in Building and Civil Construction.

The youths were recruited through the Expanded Public Works Programme 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 40 learners were exposed to include: Bricklaying and Plastering as well as Roofing and Carpentry.

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 are from the municipality of Umuziwabantu in Ugu District and they did their practicals constructing housing units in the KwaMbotho Rura Housing Project on the outskirts of the central business district of Harding in Ward 2

The Department's quality assurer, the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC) has also undertaken to provide bursaries to qualifying learners for them to pursue their studies in the Built Environment discipline at a Trade and Vocational Education Training 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, 26 June 2018**

**Time: 10H00**

**Venue: Mpeshu Community Hall, Ward 2, KwaMbotho, Umuziwabantu Municipality**

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