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DEPUTY MINISTER BERNICE SWARTS HANDS OVER NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SIYATHEMBA POLICE STATION TO THE COMMUNITY OF KATHU



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Public Works and Infrastructure Deputy Minister Bernice Swarts, MP, officially handed over the Siyathemba Police Station to the community of Kathu, in Gamagara Local Municipality, within the John Taolo District Municipality, in the Northern Cape. The handover ceremony was held on 8 May 2024.

The provision of this facility entrenches the Department's core mandate in the provision of essential infrastructure to client departments and primarily provide essential services to the general public.

The construction of the new police station emanates from a collaboration between the Department and

mining house, Kumba Iron Ore, wherein they embarked on a common cause of community development and social upliftment to benefit remote areas. The R57.8 million facility was built by the mining house and the construction formed part of the larger resettlement which comprised new infrastructure in the town of Kathu. This was in exchange for a piece of state-owned piece of land in Dingleton, a small town next to Kathu.

Deputy Minister Swarts' handover also served as a precursor to President Cyril Ramaphosa's Presidential Imbizo in Kuruman as it resonates with government's theme of *"inclusive growth and leaving no one behind"*.

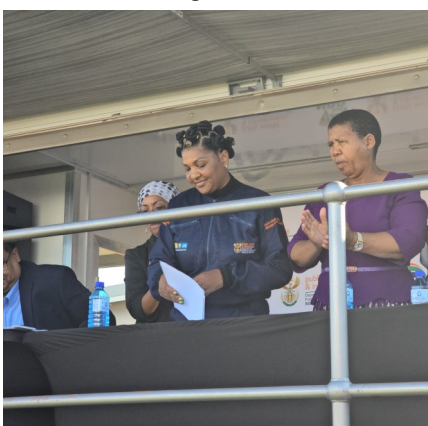
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Some of the houses that were built by Kumba mining as part of the deal with the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI)

