

## **DPWI has identified 37 properties to be used as quarantine sites**

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The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure has identified 37 state-owned properties in various provinces that could be used as quarantine sites in the fight against the COVID19 (corona virus). This was announced this morning in Cape Town by Minister Patricia De Lille and Deputy Minister Noxolo Kiviet.

Unpacking the Department's support and response to the pandemic, Minister De Lille said some of the sites will be available to people living in informal settlements where there are no such facilities available.

Minister De Lille said that another key intervention by DPWI was the installation of a fence at Beitbridge border between South Africa and Zimbabwe. "This is to ensure that no undocumented or infected persons cross into the country and vice-versa. This is in line with one of the measures announced by the President in that South Africa's borders and ports are to be secured with immediate effect," explained Minister De Lille.

The Minister also revealed that the South African President stated that 35 of the 53 land entry points will be closed. De Lille clarified that, "This measure will, however, not be effective if the fences at the border are not secure, which in many places, they are not." She said in terms of Section 27 (2) (l) of the Disaster Management Act, No 57 of 2002, she had invoked emergency procurement procedures in relation to the erection and repairs of the border fences, east and west of the Beitbridge Border Post.