

Government launches the Mooikloof Mega Residential City project

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The South African government has launched one of the largest sectional title developments in the country, the Mooikloof Mega Residential City project in Pretoria East, Gauteng. The project, being rolled out using a new methodology known as the Sustainable Infrastructure Development System (SIDS) Methodology, is one of over 60 Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs) gazetted in July this year by Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia De Lille.

Speaking at the launch, Minister De Lille said that infrastructure projects that are of economic significance and social importance are fast tracked if gazetted as SIPs. She revealed that on the 23rd of June 2020, the South African President held the inaugural Sustainable Infrastructure Development Symposium where a new way of working as it pertains to infrastructure was announced. It was pronounced that infrastructure projects across the country would go through a single point of entry through Infrastructure South Africa (ISA) and that the SIDS Methodology would be applied on these projects.

The Mooikloof project is one of the few projects coming straight from the private sector and the Minister has said that this particular project demonstrated the strength of the SIDS process and methodology to deal with projects from the private and the public sector. The first phase of the Project consists of approximately 14 500 sectional title units with prices ranging from R499 000 – R799 000 excluding VAT. The project value for the initial 14 500 units is approximately R10 billion with massive job creation benefits.

Minister De Lille said the Mooikloof Integrated residential development makes her extremely excited as it ticked all the boxes of what needed to be done to address the spatial and economic injustices that still exist as a result of the apartheid spatial planning legacy. “This Strategic Integrated Project not only promotes integration, corridor and transit node densification but also speaks to our mission to connect the missing link in housing in our country. And that is the delivery of mixed-used, well located, affordable housing that will finally see us integrate our cities and bring people closer to decent housing and job opportunities,” explained the Minister.