

■ COURT ORDER

More delays for District Six

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FORMER minister of Rural Development and Land Reform Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, who was ordered by the court to submit a detailed plan for the development of District Six by last week, has instead submitted papers saying she won't be able to do so before August.

Nkoana-Mashabane, who was minister at the time of the court order until the Cabinet was dissolved last week after the swearing-in of Cyril Ramaphosa as president, said a final "holistic plan" was subject to discussions between interested parties as objections were received on the draft holistic plan.

"The draft holistic plan remains

a working document. As such, the department cannot – until this process is completed (at the very least) – finalise and present an (implementation) plan to the court, as envisaged in the order of this court granted on November 26, last year."

The Cape Argus reported this month that plans to accommodate the rest of the District Six land claimants had hit another snag due to a stalemate between CPUT and various government departments over the transfer of land.

A document pointing out that the houses in Phase 3 of the development for about 108 claimants won't be handed over until title deeds can be issued is currently being discussed by the Human Settlements Department

and the City of Cape Town.

But Mashabane said some progress had been made. "As a result of engagements with the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, Human Settlements, Public Works, Higher Education and Training (and CPUT), a memorandum of understanding has been signed dealing with land use rights. It will be published in the Government Gazette soon," she said. Mashabane also stressed that her department still had no money other than the amount previously indicated.

"I note, as stated previously, that the department is taking steps to secure a once-off amount of R351 million (as part of a potential

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