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MEDIA STATEMENT

PUBLIC WORKS INVITES THE PUBLIC TO APPLY TO LEASE ITS RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

The National Department of Public Works has extended an invitation to the general public to apply to lease its residential properties in 4 provinces. The properties are houses and flats with varied sizes from one bedroom flats to 3 bedroom houses with outside buildings and swimming pools. The floor sizes of the properties vary from 56.95m2 to 266m2.

All the properties advertised are vacant and are in a fair to good condition. The invitation to apply to lease DPW properties is open to all members of the public. Organisations are also encouraged to apply. Application forms will be available at the participating regional offices and the National Department of Public Works website.

This decision to allow the general public to apply for the DPW properties, is in line with the DPW's mandate under its Property Management Trading Entity (PMTE) of ensuring optimum utilisation of properties in the department's custodianship. This speaks to the efficiency enhancement phase of the 7 year turnaround strategy of the department. The leasing to the general public will also help generate revenue for the PMTE to ensure that the properties are maintained.

Currently, there are 240 residential properties that can be leased by the public. These properties are in Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo and Free State.

Interested individuals and organisations need to contact the relevant DPW offices and make an offer to lease the property. The lease will be awarded to the highest offer received, provided it is in line with the market rental determined as promoted in the Treasury Regulations, which require state properties to be leased out at marketrelated tariff.

The following documents are needed from parties interested:

- Application form for the said property or properties (obtained at participating DPW regional offices).
- 2. Certified copy or copies of ID
- 3. Proof of income
- 4. Contactable references
- 5. Provide authority to the department to do credit checks with the credit bureaux,
- 6. Proof of current residential address

Contact details of the DPW offices

<u>Johannesburg regional office</u> Contact: Peter Moloi Phone: 011 713 6184 Email: <u>Peter.moloi@dpw.gov.za</u>

Polokwane regional office Contact: Precious Machabi Phone: 015 291 6410 Email: Precious.machabi@dpw.gov.za

<u>Nelspruit regional office</u> Contact: Gilbert Masuku Phone: 013 753 6371 Email: <u>Gilbert.masuku@dpw.gov.za</u> <u>Bloemfontein regional office</u> Contact: Lyndon Henney Phone: 051 408 7540 Email: Lyndon.henney@dpw.gov.za

The leases for the residential properties will be for a minimum period of 12 months, which is the industry norm. The PMTE will be responsible for the maintenance of the leased properties during the lease period.

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