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MEDIA STATEMENT

PUBLIC WORKS LAND SETS RECORD STRAIGHT ABOUT THE EAST LONDON'S GREYDELL LAND INVASION

The Department of Public Works would like to dispel the allegation that the Intergovernmental Task Team (ITT), led by the Department of Public Works, in the East London's Greydell farm illegal land invasion, is not working.

The Intergovernmental Task Team is still intact and is continuing with its work. It consists of many role players including Airports Company South Africa (ACSA), Department of Human Settlements (DHS), Housing Development Agency (HDA), Buffalo City Metropolitan (BCM) and the Eastern Cape Office of the Premier (OTP) just to mention a few.

The task Team has worked extensively in mapping out the sites and confirming ownership of the invaded land. It has also determined that ACSA needs the property for a runway extension. The Task Team has also done some community profiling and developed containment measures. After a number of meetings and discussions by the ITT, an initial proposal of how to handle the land invasion was tabled for consideration.

It is important to note that the ITT has to comply with governance structures of the project. This means the task team reports to the Director General-level Forum of Heads of Departments as well as Executives of the different role-players. The BCM Municipal Manager is a member of that forum and is the one expected to apprise the

Mayoral committee. The complaint raised by the BCM mayoral committee about the unavailability of the ITT to make a presentation is thus mischievous, as the ITT does not report to the Mayoral committee.

Some of the players have asked to look at the initial proposal tabled, and how the proposal affects their mandate. The feedback on this process is expected to be concluded shortly and an updated proposal will be put into place. Following that process, the ITT will be able to brief the Forum of the Heads of Departments.

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