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MEDIA ALERT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MINISTER PATRICIA DE LILLE LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO FIGHT AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

On Thursday, 5 December 2019, Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), Patricia de Lille will be launching an initiative by the department in support of the fight against gender-based violence.

During the joint sitting of the National Assembly on 18 September 2019, the Minister made a commitment that DPWI would allocate unoccupied state-owned buildings for service delivery purposes particularly providing shelter for GBV victims.

The initiative is also a response to the Emergency Response Plan on GBV and femicide in South Africa as pronounced by President, Cyril Ramaphosa where the DPWI is in the process of identifying unutilised state-owned properties to be used by the Department of Social Development for use as shelters for abuse victims.

DPWI also committed to using buildings and public spaces to erect billboards with anti-GBV messages targeted at men as part of the campaign to eradicate this social ill.

GBV is a crisis in our country and it requires all of us to do our part and to act fast.

DPWI is delivering on our mandate to provide facilities which can be used to provide a safe haven for abused women and children.

The main facility which DPWI is making available to the Department of Social Development for use as a shelter is in Salvokop. In addition, DPWI is also finalising

clean-up activities at three other houses in Pretoria to be used as shelters for abused women and children.

In the coming months, DPWI will be making even more shelters available in other parts of the country.

Members of the media are invited to attend the launch of the Salvokop centre as the first shelter to be made available by DPWI.

Order of proceedings:

10h00: Members of the media to arrive at Shell Garage on Kgosi Mampuru Road near the bridge for the photo of the first GBV banner

10:15: Members of the media are to depart to Salvokop Centre ahead of the Ministers for the plaque unveiling photo

10h30: Official programme starts

Date: 5 December 2019

Time: 9:30 – 12:00

Venue: Portion 406 of Farm 351 JR, Salvokop, Pretoria

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