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Media Invitation

Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Sihle Zikalala, MP, to conduct oversight visit at the Salvokop Precinct Development Project in Tshwane

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure is currently undertaking the installation of bulk and internal infrastructure works at the Salvokop mixed-use precinct project west of the Tshwane City Centre. The project is part of the Tshwane Inner City Regeneration Programme.

The Salvokop mixed-use precinct development is an on-going project which includes the construction of five National Government client departments Head Offices, to be permanently accommodated there. The first Department whose Head Office is already finalized is StatsSA. This was in 2016.

The development continues apace and will see the remaining four government head offices constructed in the precinct: the Department of Social Development and its agencies namely: the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) and the National Development Agency, the Department of Higher Education and Training, the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Correctional Services and Constitutional Development.

The precinct is being developed in three phases:

- Phase 1 (A and B): Installation of the bulk and internal infrastructure services and development of the 4 Public Private Partnership (PPP) Head Office Buildings
- Phase 2: Development of the Business Erven by the private sector
- Phase 3: Development of the mixed-income residential component

The construction of Phase 1A: Bulk Civil and Internal Engineering works is currently in progress with a number of local residents and SMMEs from the nearby community already employed on the project.

The Salvokop Precinct Development was also gazetted as a Strategic Integrated Project (SIP) as part of the Infrastructure Investment Plan approved by Cabinet in May 2020.

Key benefits of the project to the community and region at large include:

- Economic transformation and job creation: An estimated 3,215 jobs during construction of phase 1:
- Spatial integration, human settlements, and local government: Mixed-use precinct with land use rights in place for Government, Business, Institutional and Private open space creating equal access to schooling, housing, work opportunities, transport and recreational facilities
- Social cohesion and safe communities: Contributes to the NDP 2030 and sustainable development goals by responding to the Green Economy with sustainable buildings and precinct design, maximising on solar power, rainwater harvesting, grey water recycling etc. and planting over 700 indigenous trees and establishing public parks.

This project is one of the projects demonstrating government's commitment to investing in infrastructure development which enables sustained economic growth and job creation and bringing the construction sector back to life.

Details of the Minister's visit are as follows:

Date: Friday 2 June 2023

Time: 09:00

Venue: Salvokop Development site, Skietpoort Ave, Salvokop (from Kgosi Mampuru Road, turn into Skietpoort Avenue and take the first left onto the site)

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