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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Construction of the Kimberley Correctional Centre gets underway**

**KIMBERLEY** – The National Department of Public Works (NDPW) today handed over a 25 hectare portion of land along the Schmidtsdrift Road in Kimberley to the contractors to commence the construction of the medium security correctional centre on behalf of the Department of Correctional Services who are the client.

According to the Kimberley Regional Manager for NDPW, Mr Fuad Allie, the cost for the construction of the facility is estimated at R662 million over a maximum of 30 months construction period. Once complete, it will be the largest correctional centre to be built in the Northern Cape and is expected to accommodate at least 3 000 offenders according to the DCS specifications.

Construction will be undertaken by a joint venture made up of, Grinaker LTA and Keren Kula. The tender specifies that 80% local labour be utilised and approximately 30% of the work be subcontracted.

“We believe the construction period will yield economic spin offs for Kimberley and the Northern Cape and is a further demonstration of government’s resolve to accelerate provision of essential public infrastructure to stimulate social development and economic growth”, commented Mr Allie.

The contractors will move onto the site immediately.

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