Historic Thubalethu Township in Melmoth and Empangeni Mega/Catalytic Project comes alive as some communities receive their houses and title deeds tomorrow: Duma will also hand over house in Ndundulu under Inkosi Zulu of eNtembeni Tribal Authority

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: After unimaginable prolonged construction of houses in Thubalethu Township in Melmoth, tomorrow, we will hand over houses to the needy communities who have been waiting for years.

Thubalethu Phase 1B, located on the right-hand side of R66 toward Ulundi, has remained an eyesore.

Tomorrow we will also inspect the acceleration of the completion of 270 units.

It should be remembered that together with the Minister of Human Settlements, Thembi Simelane, we visited communities last year.

We announced our interventions aimed at assisting both Umthonjaneni Local Municipality and King Cetshwayo District Municipality.

We will also hand over houses from the 10,800 that are still under construction. The houses are part of the Empangeni Mega/Catalytic project that includes family homes, rental housing, first-home finance, and serviced sites.

In partnership with the private sector, we are constructing recreational facilities, shopping centers, and local healthcare/hospital facilities.

We will hand over a house to the Skhakhane Family in Ndundulu under Inkosi Zulu of eNtembeni Tribal Authority.

The media is requested to cover the events as follows:-

House Handover to Skhakhane Family

Time: 09h00

Venue: Ward 7, eNtembeni Tribal Authority, Ndundulu - Mthonjaneni Local Municipality

House handover, inspection of Thubalethu Houses and community event

Time: 10h00

Venue: Ward 2, Thubalethu Community Hall, Mthonjaneni Local Municipality

House, Title Deeds Handover and community event

Time: 12h00

Venue: Ward 24, Dark City Sportsfield uMhlathuze Local Municipality

Ends

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