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Vaal Dam Area Office Officials to relocate to newly built houses

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The Department of Water and Sanitation officials working and staying at Vaal Dam are smiling endlessly due to the construction of houses project that is currently taking place.

National Water Resource Infrastructure (NWRI) has resumed with a construction of new, good condition accommodation project. The project of building twenty one (21) houses at Vaal Dam started in June 2017 and it will be completed in December 2020.

Project Manager, Mr Msayi Simlindile said “The project also includes construction of new sewer line and connecting to the existing tank and finishing of building the internal roads”, said Msayi.

Officials from Vaal Dam Area Office have been experiencing several challenges regarding their working conditions. DWS officials are staying at houses that are in a poor condition and are almost inhabitable. They are expected to stay close to the sites where they work and the Department is the main source of their accommodation.

“The houses are posing a lot of health and safety issues due to the bad condition they are in. Weather conditions and leaks on the houses are also playing a role in the lives of officials and some of them are getting sick”, added Msayi.

The Department of Water and Sanitation is building twenty one (21) houses consisting of three bedrooms each.

According to Msayi “The project is still on foundation stage and it is expected to create a lot of jobs to the surrounding areas. We did have challenges the time we were employing labours and unsatisfactory from the nearby residents which has caused a huge delay but that has been sorted out”, explains Msayi.

Some of the outstanding work includes; construction of the structure, electrical, plastering, painting, tiling, carpentry, roofing, ceiling and plumbing.

The new houses will be occupied by the Department employees after completion and the old ones will be disposed by means of the departmental procedures.

In conclusion the project Manager indicated that he is confident that the project will be completed at the set date if there are no more delays.

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