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Media Statement on the launch of Mixed Housing Development and Resuscitation of Special Economic Zone Initiatives.

The North West Housing Corporation is a legal entity established in terms of the North West Housing Corporation Act No.24 of 1982 as amended. Our mandate is to provide and further the provision of housing, shelter, and accommodation especially for low income communities. As part of our mandate, we are expected to render financial and physical intervention to the province on both urban and rural planning.

The province of the North West has over long period of time been caught in a lack of mega projects that can drive the economy of the province to heights never seen before whilst at the same time creating an environment for massive investment in local economies and creating jobs. The pronouncement and confirmation made by both the President of the country during SONA and Premier of the Province during SOPA to the introduction and implementation of a mixed development human settlement programmes lays a solid foundation for us to contribute towards the realisation of this vision.

Since the appointment of the board and the new CEO, the NWHC has embarked on a well-thought programme to reclaim its core mandate through the development of mining towns, smart cities, and spatial economic zones. We are repositioning this historic institution to be a major player in contributing towards transformation of our province and rebuilding the economy.

This initiative will switch the provincial housing machinery into higher gear, thereby facilitating developmental projects that will stimulate economic growth and create jobs for the people of the province. The NWHC, as a catalyst for development, has resolved to unlock development initiatives that will transform the province into a massive construction site.

We are today unveiling these exciting strategic plans with a view to generating new energy and attract foreign direct investment into the province. This is an opportune moment for the NW to redeem its legacy as a revered developmental hub. The ground is



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ready and ripe. Through the NWHC and its new initiatives, the province is now reclaiming its rightful place as a historical leader in the development space.

In the light of the above, the following initiatives are to be roll-out from **January** 2021:

1. Mining Township Programme

i) Mogwase mixed housing to support the rapidly growing mining activities and newly launched Special Economic Zones

ii) Rustenburg Smart City Project

iii) Marikana Mining Mega City Project

2. Spatial Economic Zones (SEZ) programmes

i) The Mogwase Spatial Economic Zone

ii) Mafikeng Spatial Economic Zone

3. Smart City Programme

i) Madibeng-Lanseria Smart City

ii) Potchefstroom Smart City Mixed Housing Development

The North West Housing Corporation invites all stakeholders to prepare themselves to join in to ensure that these initiatives are successful, and all necessary economic elements are enhanced to support continuous growth.

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