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NOTICE

Attention: Journalist/ Reporters/ Editors

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WARNING TO FRAUDSTERS

The North West Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) wishes to caution the public in and around the areas of Matlosana Local Municipality and all other areas in other Districts about an imposter scamming the community and business people, pretending to be the HOD Kgomotso Mahlobo from the Department of Human Settlements claiming to have appointed a contractor for a construction of 1000 housing units in Khuma Township and all other types of business transactions related to Human Settlements.

The Department would like to place on record that this person is an imposter, who is not representing the Department and neither the HOD, Ms Mahlobo as he calls himself. The Department needs to emphasize that all government business transactions follow proper processes and procedures required by legislation. This therefore is defaming the department and its officials and the department wishes to distance itself from the information made public by this fraudster, these types of scams should definitely not be associated with the Department in the Province.

The Department therefore wishes to caution members of the public and the community at large to be on alert of fraudsters impersonating departmental officials through scams or any type of some sorts, and further urges the community to continue reporting such acts to the law enforcement agencies.

All further enquiries or correspondences may be forwarded to the relevant official as indicated below.

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