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MEC TO HAND OVER 300 RURAL HOUSING UNITS IN OR TAMBO REGION
Rural communities of upper Tabase in OR Tambo district municipality are set to receive 300 rural housing units from Housing, Safety and Liaison MEC Thobile Mhlahlo on Thursday, 11 September 2008.

The housing units are part of a rural housing project implemented through peoples housing process which allows communities to participate in the construction of their houses and capacitating beneficiaries.

As part of empowering communities, local building material, suppliers, emerging contractors and labour with the area were utilized for this project. Last month, the MEC handed over about 1000 housing units were handed over Zanemvula settlement at Nelson Mandela Bay. The MEC also visited municipalities in the province to identify possible intervention areas needed to speed up delivery of houses. He has met with contractors, property developers as part of an intervention plan to the delivery of houses. Lack of water resources, occasional residents, rising fuel costs are some of the issues emerged out of the consultative meetings. The department has also roped about 50 unemployed graduates who will be utilized to monitor housing projects throughout the province.

The media is invited to capture the event which will be held as follows.

Date: 11 September 2008
Venue: Upper Tabase AA- housing support centre
Time: 10h00

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