



### INTERNET ARTICLE

#### **Potchefstroom Water Control Aids Officials to relocate to newly built houses.**

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The NWRI: Potchefstroom Area Office Officials will no longer stay at old dilapidated houses built near canals as the Department of Water and Sanitation is currently building nine (9) decent houses for them.

According to the Project Manager, Mr Msayi Simlindile the construction of new, good condition accommodation for employees already started in August 2016 and it has been planned to be completed in December 2019.

The department has planned to build three (3) houses per financial year and each house has three bedrooms.

DWS officials were staying at houses that were raising risk and safety issues as they were built near canals and are also in a very poor condition.

The department is also busy with the construction of a new sewer line, septic tank and also finishing the internal roads.

The Water Control Aids officials are expected to stay close to the sites where they work and the Department of Water and Sanitation is their main source of accommodation.

Officials have been experiencing several challenges regarding their working conditions and safety of their lives as canals are very dangerous, steep and slick which makes it impossible for a person to climb out once they are inside.

As the Project Manager said, "I would like to indicate that the project is at roof level right now and the first three houses are expected to be finished by the end of this financial year".

"At the moment the outstanding work includes plastering, painting, tiling, roofing, electrical, carpentry and plumbing", added the Project Manager.

Mr Msayi said that the new houses will be utilized by DWS employees after completion and the old ones will be disposed of by means of the departmental procedures.

He also added that, "I believe these new houses will bring joy, peace of mind and safety to the department officials and the project has been a success up to so far.

In conclusion he said, "I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work that the department is doing. I also would like to thank and encourage the workers for the good work that they are doing and we are committed to continue with the project", concluded Msayi.

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