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## MEC INSPECTS SERVICE DELIVERY SITES

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Beautiful new homes ... The Masimong CRU project in Welkom is expected to be com-

The MEC for Cooperative Governance, Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements, Olly Mlamleli, recently visited the communities of Welkom and Wesselsbron to be briefed on progress reports regarding services being delivered to these towns.



Job well done ... MEC Olly Mlamleli was very impressed with the complexes that are already complete

Her first stop was the Masimong Community Residential Units (CRU) where mixed development housing units are being built on the Harmony Gold Mining 1500 Masimong Hostel 4 in Welkom.

"The Masimong CRU project is an Integrated Human Settlements project with elements of sustainability," Mlamleli said.

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“This project is our contribution to the Kyoto Protocol on managing climate change. The use of biodegradable bricks and solar systems for energy is a proof of this. The complete houses that I have seen today are truly what we had in mind with this project. I believe that there are other existing buildings that can be refurbished in the province for the same purpose.

“Climate change is a real problem that affects everyone and must be considered in everything we do. If we can do our bit for the environment, half the battle has been won.”

The Masimong CRU project was launched in 2010. Four clusters are being built that consist of 461 units each. The 70m<sup>2</sup> units have solar water heating systems and will have a waste recycling approach to refuse removal.

“The units each boast a security system as well as advanced technology for electricity and water usage. These impeccably refurbished buildings are a good illustration of the public private partnership between the department, Harmony Mine, and the Matjhabeng Local Municipality,” said the department’s communications manager, Senne Bogatsu.

“The project is about providing alternative accommodation and rental accommodation for both miners and people in the community who do not want permanent residence.”

The Masimong CRU project, which is set to cost R125-million, will mainly house people earning between R800 and R3 500 (up to R7 500). The first occupants are expected to move into Cluster B on May 1. The project, which is being constructed in phases, is expected to be completed by August 2012.

Mlameli also visited the Wesselsbron community to respond to the community’s sanitation plight. Along with a mayoral delegation from the Nala Local Municipality, the MEC inspected the streets that were described as being in a poor condition. She also visited the incomplete sewer plant which, when completed, will respond to the problem of bulk sewer services.

Mlameli’s trip ended with a visit to several families who had complained about their refuse not being removed for a while.

The MEC is expected to visit Viljoenskroon on April 19 to discuss the mobile offices’ forthcoming service delivery biltz.

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