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Mogale City condemns land invasion in Kagiso Extension 17

Mogale City Local Municipality strongly condemns the land invasion taking place generally within the city and in Kagiso Extension 17 which is next to the new Kagiso Extension 13.

Land management and provision is one of the apex priorities of the municipality and is done in a systematic manner within a recognised legal framework.

The municipality is aware of the housing and land needs of the residents of our city and we will work in partnership with the Gauteng Provincial Government and the West Rand District Municipality to deliver houses and significantly reduce our housing backlog.

The spate of land invasions currently taking place does not fall within this framework and will not be tolerated by the municipality. The land invasions have negative financial implications on the municipality and also derail intended housing delivery programmes.

We want to appeal to all law abiding citizens of our city not to be drawn into these impermissible acts of illegal land occupation. We will communicate our housing delivery plans through the existing communication channels which include ward and sector meetings; mayoral roadshows; libraries and the municipal website.

We also warn those who are bent on contravention of the law that the municipality cannot wave its rights and will exercise its rights in order to protect public property.

We call on our people to report any person or groups inviting them to invade land to the municipality and the South African Police Services.

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Signed off:

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