

**18 MILLION HOUSING PROJECT FOR RESIDENTS OF SILVERTOWN IN NEW BRIGHTON** - published 8 Mar 2010

The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality today held a sod turning ceremony at the Silvertown informal settlement in New Brighton. The project, which is due to start within the next two weeks, will see 269 semi-detached houses build at an estimated cost of R 18, 511 504 for the residents of Silvertown. 'We have started delivering, our programme is clear and we will let nothing stop us in our endeavour to build sustainable communities for our people' said Councillor Andile Mfunda, Portfolio Councillor for Housing and Land.

Delivering the keynote address, the Executive Mayor, Councillor Zanoxolo Wayile, told the gathered residents that 'this is the year of speeding up effective service delivery to our people'. He told residents that the municipality intended to deliver at speed despite the many challenges and limitations that exist. 'In my 100 days programme, housing delivery is one of the key deliverables and as the municipality we commit ourselves to ensuring that the delivery of quality houses is achieved, said Mayor Wayile. 'Projects of this nature should also benefit local people and I'm sure that as residents you will benefit through jobs created and the skills transfer that will take place during and post construction'. The Mayor went on to ask community members to unite and rally behind the municipality so that effective and efficient service delivery continues unhindered.

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