



## **MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES: REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

### **Media Advisory**

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### **DEPUTY MINISTER HOLOMISA HANDS OVER A REFURBISHED HOUSE TO AN INDIGENT ELDER, LAUNCHES THE INCINERATOR PROJECT**

The Deputy Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Nkosi Phathekile Holomisa, will be handing over a refurbished house to an elderly woman in Swellendam ahead of launch of the new Incinerator at Helderstroom Correctional Facility, Western Cape, on Friday, 08 July 2022.

Through its Community Corrections Office, the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) identified a 69-year old woman, Ms Hendricka Claassen, from Swellendam who was residing in a dilapidated house, thus in need of a dignified shelter. In embracing the District Development Model, the DCS in collaboration with the Local Municipality of Swellendam as well as other stakeholders, refurbished the home of Ms Claassen using the expertise of offenders from the area. This was in line with DCS' objective of allowing offenders to use their skills to pay back for the harm they caused to society.

Deputy Minister Holomisa will further launch the new Incinerator in Helderstroom Correctional Facility, as part of DCS' long-term facilities strategy to ensure the establishment and maintenance of facilities that are consistent with human dignity, health and safety for both offenders and officials, while also ensuring that all facilities are legally compliant to all policies and standards of the country.

This is a modern state of the art incinerator from a design and size perspective with low emissions in all classes. Incinerator is a machine designed for burning waste material, especially industrial waste at high temperature.

Members of the media are invited to cover the events as follows:

**Hand over of the refurbished house**

Date: Friday, 08 July 2022

Time: 09h00

Venue: 51 Cupido Street in Railton, Swellendam

**Incinerator Launch**

Date: Friday, 08 July 2022

Time: 11h00

Venue: Helderstroom Correctional Facility

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