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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Postponement of Raffle Draw**

Mpumalanga Provincial Treasury wishes to notify all loyal participants and prospective partners to its social responsibility fundraising campaign about the shifting of a date for the Raffle Draw.

The new date will be announced on Tuesday, 30 June 2015

It is regrettable that the date of the Draw had to be shifted when we have made so much progress in securing some of the resources to enable us to achieve the main objective of the fundraising effort, which is to build and furnish houses for the four needy families during the Mandela Month.

In terms of the rules of the fundraising campaign, the Provincial Treasury was expected to close the sales on the 12th of June 2015, and hand over counter foiled and unsold tickets to the assurance partner for auditing to enable a fair and transparent draw.

A crucial part of the condition was that the Department should also raise at least R400 000, which was determined as the required capital, to proceed to the last stage of the social responsibility fundraising project and still assure the beneficiaries that their most basic needs are met.

Regrettably these two main conditions could not be fully met.

The Department continued to receive pledges beyond that date which could not be excluded due to the nature and objective of the fundraising project.

The Department had two options to cancel and refund the ticket holders (as indicated in the tickets) or take a humanitarian approach of affording interested parties who submitted their pledges amounting to more than R100 000 to contribute to this good cause and also participate in Raffle Draw.

The Department is of the view that whichever decision taken should not affect the beneficiaries hence the choice to extend the campaign for a period still to be determined.

The Department together with its partners remains committed to ensuring that the identified beneficiaries receive their fully furnished homes as would be funded by the contributions of all loyal participants in this community development initiative.

The Department is encouraged that, in the last two weeks, the campaign gained momentum with just over R200 000 raised through individual but mainly corporate sales of the tickets.

The Department appeals to the valuable partners and citizens who bought tickets to accept our humble apologies for the delay in finalizing the draw, and assure that efforts are being made to achieve the twin objectives of the fundraising campaign.

The department is considering additional external support to ensure that this process is expedited so that the participants are not unfairly inconvenienced for a long time.

Our commitment to effecting change in the lives of the people, especially the needy simply does not allow the Department to concede defeat even in the face of great challenges.

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