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Housing Project nomination for Knysna

The Knysna Municipality's Department of Human Settlements has done it again. After receiving three accolades from the Govan Mbeki Housing Awards in 2014, this department has once again received another nomination for the Western Cape 2016 Govan Mbeki Human Settlements Award.

The Provincial Department of Human Settlements will host this year's Govan Mbeki awards ceremony on Friday September 23, at the Century City Convention Centre in Cape Town. The occasion is aimed at celebrating innovation in the delivery of human settlements in the Western Cape and in South Africa.

The Knysna Municipality was nominated for the Dam-se-Bos South project in the Best Informal Settlement Upgrading Project and Best Enhanced People's Housing Process Project categories.

The value of the Dam-se-Bos project is over R7 million and it was funded by the Western Cape Provincial Department of Human Settlements. The development consists of 130 serviced sites with platforms, retaining walls and fencing.

As part of the judging procedure, delegates from provincial offices went on a site visit on the Dam-se-Bos South project on Thursday September 1.

Knysna Mayoral Committee member, Portfolio: Planning and Integrated Human Settlements, Velile Waxa is pleased about the nomination and said, "We are delighted and honoured to be nominated once again for this prestigious award. The nomination is a testimony of the high quality of human settlements delivery provided by the Knysna Municipality. Over the years the focus of housing delivery in our town has shifted from simply providing houses to raising dignity, building integrated communities and creating opportunities for local entrepreneurs."

The awards were named after the late Govan Mbeki in 2006 based on the role he played and vision he had for preserving human dignity and provision of human settlements for all South Africans.

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