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Media Statement

NLC response to article titled: *School Built with R28M Lotto Funds Falls to Pieces*

PRETORIA, 8 October 2018.

In 2016, as a response to the riots in which more than 20 schools were destroyed in Vuwani, the NLC funded the rebuilding of Vhafamadi Secondary School in that area.

Vhafamadi is a science school, and funding from the NLC was used to demolish the remains of the old structure and construct new classrooms, a library, and administration block including a computer centre and kitchen facilities.

Construction took place between September and November 2016, and the new building was handed over that same December in time for a new school year.

As part of the NLC funding process, Monitoring and Evaluation activities followed, resulting in the identification of cracks and documentation of concerns raised by the officials at the school. The NLC subsequently appointed an engineering company, T2 Tech Consulting Engineers to fully investigate the issues and conduct an assessment.

A full report, including an assessment relating to costs of repairs was submitted by the appointed engineers. One of the key findings is the fact that the challenges identified do not affect the integrity of the structure, but rather defects that can be remedied. The NLC has



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engaged the implementer of the project to discuss remedial work to be undertaken to deal with all identified defects and shortcomings.

At this stage, work has started as agreed and engineers continue to provide quality assurance. The final report will be submitted to the NLC once all remedial work has been completed.

A delegation from the NLC will be visiting the school this week to inspect the remedial work being undertaken.

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Issued on behalf of Mrs Thabang Charlotte Mampane, Commissioner of the NLC.

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