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PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE**

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**\*THE LDPWRI OPERATION VHUYISA THUNDU YA MUVHUSO YIELD RESULTS AS THE HIGH COURT GRANTS FORFEITURE ORDER OF STATE PROPERTIES. \***

The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure has successfully concluded a long-standing legal battle to reclaim land and properties that were unlawfully hijacked by unscrupulous business individuals in the Giyani area, Mopani District.

This milestone follows a ruling by the Polokwane High Court, which granted a forfeiture order in terms of Section 53(1) of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act (Act 121 of 1998).

The court declared forfeited to the State approximately 2 420 square metres of land situated at Erf 58 Giyani-B, including all properties and improvements erected on the land.

The assets include a hotel and other developments with an estimated value of R22.7 million.

Limpopo MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Ernest Rachoene, welcomed the ruling and expressed appreciation to law enforcement agencies and all stakeholders whose coordinated efforts ensured the successful recovery of the property.

“Through Operation Vhuyisa Thundu dza Muvhuso, we have remained resolute in reclaiming government assets. We engaged at all levels, and today we are witnessing the fruits of the battles waged to restore what rightfully belongs to the people of Limpopo,” said MEC Rachoene.

MEC adds that the money to be recouped will be channelled to the department’s programs to improve service delivery in communities.

“It can’t be that individuals rob our people of their hard-earned tax money by hijacking our properties for their self enrichment. This operation of bringing back our properties is being extended to the other four districts.” added MEC Rachoene.

The forfeited properties will now be placed under the control of a court-appointed curator, who will manage them on behalf of the State. The assets may be preserved, sold, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the court order to give effect to the forfeiture.

Operation Vhuyisa Thundu dza Muvhuso was launched by MEC Rachoene in 2024 as a focused intervention aimed at recovering unlawfully occupied or stolen government immovable assets across the province.

The Department reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding public assets and ensuring accountability in the management of State property.

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