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Building a fresh, new look for RDP homes

With a growing population in the metropolis and an increasing demand for housing, Raubex Building is solving the problem one unit at a time.

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The newly built community of Clayville.



RDP homes that are still to be occupied.

In November last year the Member of Mayoral Committees (MMC) for Human Settlements in the Gauteng municipalities, Lesiba Mpya, announced a strategy to build high rise RDP homes.

"As a landlocked region, our strategy is to build high rise units so that we speak to scarcity of land and promote integrated settlements as well as accommodate large numbers of people in a relatively small area," he says.

As the MMC for the Ekurhuleni region, he says that the city intends to deliver 100 000 homes in the next five years.



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Solar panels will be installed on each unit.

"Cities across the country are faced with urbanisation. The strategic decision we have taken, is that we need to promote densification, which will allow us to vertically grow the city as the horizontal growth prospects are constrained on a daily basis," he says.

The project is split into two phases, with phase one completed in February 2017. Raubex is currently busy with phase two and expects to finish the project in November this year.

"Each block ranges from 24 to 28 units with solar geysers; we installed the solar geysers to be environmentally friendly," says project manager, Solly Mabunda.

People from the nearby Madel'ukhufa Township have moved in already, with more people scheduled to move in in completed units. "This is a five-year project, so more blocks will be going up," he says.

A shopping centre is also in the pipeline and a school is already under construction. 🏠



Four-storey RDP units under construction.