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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SUBJECT: MENTAL HOSPITAL**

The scheduled practical completion date of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 was not met due to the rains the Province had in the recent months and the recent water shutdown. The snagging and desnagging of the external works was affected by approximately 16 days. The contractor has applied for extension of time due to these unforeseen causes which is being considered and will be responded to by the end of this week.

All wet works are complete, and 95% of the building is now desnagged. The remainder of the work which was mostly set behind by the rain should be completed in the coming two weeks.

On Rates and Taxes: The Department and the Municipality are in consultation regarding the rates and taxes owed and there is an understanding that these discussions will not affect the provision of services including electricity to the Mental Health facility. The Provincial Treasury is also part of the discussion to find a solution to the challenge.

Spokesperson of the Department: Ms Crystal Robertson

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