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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **IDT completes Limpopo High Court parking facility**

The Independent Development Trust (IDT) has completed construction of the car parking facility for the Limpopo High Court in Polokwane, a final phase in the construction of the court buildings for the Department of Justice.

Construction of the three-story facility – which lies adjacent to the main court building – commenced in March 2016 and is expected to be open for use by visitors to the already operational High Court premises in December 2018.

The contractor is busy on site with the completion of final outstanding installations and thereafter commissioning of all installed equipment – including security access points, elevators, fire equipment, air conditioning systems – will take place, in time for the December practical completion deadline.

The department appointed the IDT, a premier implementing agency for government's social infrastructure programmes, as an implementing agent of the construction of the overall project at a total contract amount of just over R700-million for both the main court building and the parkade due to be opened.

The state-of-the-art court building was officially opened by the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Adv. Michael Masutha in November 2016, and thus claiming its place in history as the first High Court premises to be built in the post-apartheid era.

The client department had already taken occupancy of the court building in January 2016.

The premises encompass 11 civil courts, six criminal courts, 14 holding cells, consultation rooms, payhall, judges and clerk chambers (including those of the Judge President and Deputy Judge President), library, conference and archives rooms and – with the completion of the parkade – 434 basement parking bays for officials and visitors.

In addition, the building houses the Master of the High Court, National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) and the Legal Aid Board.

The parkade is designed to accommodate a further expansion for 1 700 square metre of office space in future. The IDT is proud to have reached this milestone and looks forward to presenting this parkade to the client department.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

The IDT is an entity of the National Department of Public Works that is mandated to support all spheres of government with social infrastructure management and programme implementation.

In the past five years the IDT supported 40 government departments including building 97 new schools and 36 new health facilities while renovating hundreds more and created more than 360 000 work opportunities in various communities through its implementation of social infrastructure programmes and the Expanded Public Works Programme.

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