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COPE CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE COMMISSIONING OF NEW POLICE STATION IN WELKOM

For immediate release.

Congress of the People in the Free State is concerned about the non-commissioning of a newly built South African Police Station in Thabong, Welkom, in the Free State Province.

The station, whose construction was completed earlier this year, has been standing empty and is critically needed by the community. See the attached pictures.

The delay in opening the station points to poor planning by SAPS management and potential missed opportunities to tackle crime. The station's opening could provide the community with much-needed safety and security. According to Welkom's latest SAPS crime statistics, almost all crime categories are unacceptably high for the town, especially with property crimes and violent incidents. This adds to the crisis of people feeling unsafe in communities.

We call on the Minister of Police to intervene urgently and commission the station so that people can more effectively access police services. People in the area must travel long distances to access such services.

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