

Media Statement -

Staytus Collection reaffirms its commitment to responsible development with its Botmaskop Estate development.

18 April 2025, Stellenbosch. Staytus Collection has reaffirmed its commitment to responsible development, following an interim interdict issued by the Western Cape Division of the High Court regarding its Botmaskop Estate development in Stellenbosch.

Whilst the company expressed disappointment at the ruling, it emphasised that it fully respects the legal process and the rule of law.

The interim interdict was granted without prejudice, and the developers will present its full position at the forthcoming review hearing.

"STAYTUS has complied fully with all statutory and regulatory requirements throughout the Botmaskop Estate Development," said Dr Werner Roux, CEO of Staytus Collection.

"We remain committed to safeguarding the interests of our investors, homeowners, and stakeholders, and to resolving this matter through the appropriate legal channels."

The company has also reassured investors, homeowners, and stakeholders that all necessary approvals were properly secured, and that their interests are being prioritised.

The Botmaskop Estate development, a 31-hectare property was already zoned for residential development and located within the designated urban edge, when it was acquired in 2022 by Staytus Collection. An extensive due diligence was undertaken prior to acquisition by STAYTUS, to confirm the validity and security of all development rights and approvals.

The development received:

- Full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) approval from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEADP);
- Rezoning approval from the Stellenbosch Municipality following a public participation process;
- Civil works plan approvals and subsequent Section 21 and Section 28 clearances from the Municipality;
- Subdivision approval from the Surveyor-General.

Minister Anton Bredell, MEC responsible for environmental affairs, upheld the validity of these approvals, declining applications and appeals brought by interest groups, opposing the development.

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Stands within Botmaskop Estate have been legally transferred to homeowners, with municipal clearances and registered title deeds secured.

As the fourth respondent in the matter, STAYTUS has consistently acted in accordance with good corporate governance and guidance provided by the Department of Environmental Affairs and the Stellenbosch Municipality and remains confident that the legal process will ultimately affirm its compliance with all regulatory and legal requirements.

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