

Group Five appointed construction of Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital

Group Five has been appointed to undertake the construction of the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital.



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Group Five's appointment follows submissions by various contractors. A decision was taken to engage them following the adjudication process which was coordinated and managed by SIP Project Managers along with Mbatha, Walters & Simpson consultancy.

"This represents a key milestone in our efforts to make Nelson Mandela's last wish of building a children's hospital in South Africa a reality. We still have a long way to go, but we are confident that with the support of those who share this dream, we will be able to build and present to the public a fitting last legacy of this international icon," said Nana Magomola, deputy chairperson of the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital Trust.

Ready to begin

Bulk earthworks and piling on site are well advanced and have paved the way for the construction to begin. The hospital is targeted to be completed in the first quarter of 2016.

The chairperson of the NMCHT Steering Committee, Moss Ngoasheng, said of the selection of Group Five as the contractor. "We are confident that Group Five will be the right partner as we navigate what is for the Hospital Trust, uncharted territory."

Furthermore, NMCHT announced the appointment of Mary-Jane Morifi to the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital Trust to drive and spearhead the global fundraising campaign, and support the Trust in reaching the R1bn target.

"With the capital campaign having passed the halfway mark, Mary-Jane will lead the next phase in the fundraising campaign as we work towards the R1bn target. We are delighted to welcome Mary-Jane to the team," Magomola said.

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