

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Allegations made by MP Dr Roodal Moonilal on the Trestrail Housing Project**

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The Housing Development Corporation notes certain allegations made by MP Dr Roodal Moonilal in the House of Representatives this afternoon (October 11, 2023) on the Trestrail Housing Project, on which the HDC takes the opportunity to set the record straight.

A contract was awarded to Ricky Raghunanan Limited in 2019 for the construction of One Hundred and Ten (110) townhouse units under a Design Build Finance FIDIC Contract (PPP).

In 2021, the Board and Management of the HDC had certain concerns with structural issues on the project and as a result, the Board commissioned CEP to conduct a study on the structural issues affecting the project. The study identified a number defects and in accordance with the contract, the Board and management called on the contractor to rectify the defects in accordance with the methodology outlined in the CEP report.

It should be noted that the HDC will not take possession of these townhouses or pay the contractor until these defects are remedied. The Minister of Housing will further ventilate the facts tomorrow.

On the issue of Charford Court, the HDC has taken certain steps to rectify the issues identified.

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