

# eKhaya to cement tribute to heroes

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THE ORLANDO eKhaya precinct has received huge exposure following recent sporting events there.

The Orlando Bridge, or Heroes' Bridge, which pays tribute to the lesser-known Struggle heroes of Soweto, is under construction and almost finished.

The bridge, which will link Orlando with Chris Hani Road (Old Potch Road), will honour Struggle heroes who have not been recognised.

Brian Mahlangu, spokesman for the Joburg Property Company, said sections of the bridge were already open to motorists, but had not yet been officially opened.

"We are expecting to do so next month. We will celebrate, Hollywood-style, with the lesser-known Struggle personalities, placing their handprints in cement over the bridge to commemorate their participation and contribution to the Struggle," he said.

"It is our pride and joy, and is much needed to connect the two areas. We seldom give attributes to the lesser-known heroes," he said.

The eKhaya is expected to transform the area into a vibrant and sought-after destination for investment, business and tourism, and will include a world-class waterfront park and 30 000m<sup>2</sup> of new retail space, as well as a residential component comprising sectional-title and freehold homes.

"Apart from Soweto's rich cultural and historic appeal, being home to the Mandela Family Museum and Hector Pieterse Memorial, this development provides a wide variety of facilities and entertainment and leisure activities," said Jacques Pienaar, managing director of Katavi Properties, the developers.

