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**Weaving nodes of transport in architectural harmony**

Inspired by the peaceful charm of the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast, Collins Residential has begun building the remarkable Seaton Estate gatehouse, with Phase 1 set to be completed by 1st August 2024. This gatehouse is an outstanding creation that seamlessly blends with the stunning landscape of the area while capturing the spirit of Seaton Estate's unique character.

Designed by acclaimed architect Brent Buchanan from Nsika Architecture & Design, the land-art bridge mirrors the natural rise and fall of the land. Buchanan’s creative idea for the gatehouse departs from the usual style of estate entrances. Buchanan explains, "The Seaton gatehouse will look more like a connected ribbon than a formal gatehouse." Rather than being imposing and bulky, the gatehouse focuses on functionality, weaving together a unified system of roads and walkways.

Inspired by the land art bridges of Europe that enable fauna to traverse busy roadways, this piece of architecture allows people to move through, over it, and within it.

The upper level links one precinct to the other, effectively offering the “roof” as a pathway guiding pedestrians, cyclists and even horses from one side to the other, while staying connected to the beauty of the landscape. Within the gatehouse, the building provides various essential facilities for managing an estate, including a security office, sales office, management offices and project meeting rooms, and a central mobility hub for residents and visitors.

**A Gateway to Unparalleled Lifestyle Experiences**

From the moment one approaches the Seaton Entrance, the gatehouse presents a gateway to unparalleled coastal and awe-inspiring lifestyle experiences. Each touchpoint within the gatehouse complex reflects an unwavering commitment to a superior standard of living. This commitment is epitomised by the seamless integration of people's needs, purposeful design, and the remarkable contours of the natural terrain.

Murray Collins, Director at Collins Residential remarks, “Beyond its role as a secure entry and exit point for pedestrians and motorists, the gatehouse breaks traditional moulds, emerging as an imaginative hub that seamlessly marries services, environment, people, and transportation. This integration flows effortlessly through the structure, rendering it an architectural marvel that gracefully traverses a textured landscape.”

**A Future-Forward Vision**

"Breaking ground on the Seaton gatehouse is a pivotal moment in our journey." This endeavour has seen an unprecedented commitment to develop extensive roadworks and infrastructure enhancements and uplift the broader community while fortifying the appeal of North Coast living.

With over 1400 homes planned for the expansive Seaton development, this landmark structure symbolises not only architectural prowess but also an investment in the future. The careful fusion of landscape and design embodies the essence of Seaton's exceptional location, elevating the North Coast's allure and ensuring a future that is both sustainable and inspiring.

In the convergence of architecture and nature, the Seaton Estate gatehouse emerges as a lasting symbol of function with purpose. As the landscape blooms and architectural wonders unfold, the journey to connect community and environment enters a new chapter, brimming with the promise of a vibrant and harmonious future.

To learn more about Seaton Estate and explore this vibrant coastal paradise, book a personalised site tour by visiting www.seatonestate.co.za.

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**About Seaton Estate**

Seaton Estate is a unique coastal paradise situated on KwaZulu-Natal's thriving North Coast. Developed by Collins Residential, the estate offers an unprecedented 1.1km stretch of direct beach frontage, world-class lifestyle facilities, and a commitment to sustainable living, making it an unparalleled investment opportunity. With over 1000 housing opportunities, access to top-tier schools, and additional amenities, Seaton Estate promises a prosperous and eco-conscious business venture.

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