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DEPARTMENTAL SITE VISIT TO THE TZANEEN DAM RAISING PROJECT

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The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) together with the Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) and Infrastructure South Africa (ISA), conducted a site visit at the Tzaneen Dam Raising project in Tzaneen, Limpopo.

The project is aimed at increasing water supply to the Greater Letaba River by raising the dam wall by 3 metres. This will increase the yield of the dam to address water shortages in Tzaneen.

Representing the DPWI were Kanyane Sekgala, Dineo Motsoeneng and Tiisetso Mafoyané from the unit Monitoring and Evaluation under the Governance, Risk and Compliance branch of DPWI.



MINISTER ADDRESSES THE METAL AND ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES CONFERENCE

The Metals and Engineering Industries Ministerial Conference, organised by the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of Southern Africa (SEIFSA), is a significant gathering for the Government of National Unity. The theme of the conference, "Infrastructure, Investment, and Industrialisation: Opportunities for the Metals and Engineering Sector, Stimulating Demand and Contributing to Growth," resonates with the government's goal of achieving sustained economic growth and job creation.

While delivering his address, Minister Macpherson said that the Department of Public Works & Infrastructure is committed to playing its role in achieving this goal, focusing on partnerships with public and private entities. "The government acknowledges that it lacks the necessary skills and expertise to ensure timely and budget-friendly completion of infrastructure projects," said the Minister.

The Auditor General's 2022-2023 Local Government Audit revealed that local municipalities underspent R3.34 billion on infrastructure grants and 61% of local government infrastructure projects face delays. The focus is on building trust in the new political system and ensuring that infrastructure projects are completed on time and within budget.



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