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A Historic Moment Accomplished

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On November 6, 2024, Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Dean Macpherson, KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Public Works and Infrastructure, Martin Meyer, and eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality Mayor, Cyril Xaba, signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the Durban International Convention Centre (ICC) in KwaZulu-Natal. This MOU represents a first-of-its-kind collaboration aimed at addressing the issue of neglected, hijacked, and abandoned buildings within the city.

The purpose of the MOU is to establish a collaborative framework between the parties to tackle public asset management and ensure effective revenue collection from state departments. This landmark agreement is seen as a significant step toward generating economic growth and job creation in eThekweni by repurposing public assets to benefit the community.

In his address, Minister Macpherson spoke about the collaborative effort of all three spheres of government to optimize state assets in the city. "The Department is looking forward to building momentum to address other infrastructure issues. Step by step, we are starting to bring change to communities in KwaZulu-Natal, and across the country," said Minister Macpherson.



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