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KwaZulu-Natal Public Works MEC Martin Meyer pledged to strengthen collaboration with the construction sector during his address at Master Builders KZN's annual awards evening.

Speaking at the event on October 31 at Sibaya Casino and Entertainment Kingdom, Meyer acknowledged historic challenges in public infrastructure delivery and reaffirmed his department's commitment to improvement.

He confirmed that all contractors had been paid within 30 days over the past three months and outlined plans to simplify tender processes and support technical education initiatives.

"We are working to overcome the inefficiencies of the past and improve the delivery of hospitals, schools, roads and other public infrastructure," he said.

The Master Builders KZN awards evening celebrated excellence in the construction industry, with a strong focus on health and safety standards.

More than 300 guests attended the event, themed "One algorithm and one brick at a time," including contractors, industry leaders and government representatives.

Stefanutti Stocks Coastal was named overall winner, recognised for consistent excellence in construction as well as health and safety.



Master Builders KZN president Craig Gainsford and executive director Vikashnee Harbhajan, flank KZN public works MEC Martin Meyer.

The remaining special awards went to:

- **Award of Merit:** Felicia Ntombi Msiza, Raubex (Pty) Ltd
- **Woman in Construction:** Nompumelelo Mnguni, Bethu Projects (Pty) Ltd
- **Supplier of the Year:** Corobrik (Pty) Ltd
- **Safety Person of the Year:** Francois Hartkopf, Raubex (Pty) Ltd
- **Supreme Award for Health and Safety:** Patcon Building & Civil Engineering Contractors (Pty) Ltd
- **Supreme Award for Excellence in Construction:** SJC Projects