



PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER CELEBRATES THE SUCCESSFUL THREE DAY MUNICIPAL EPWP SUMMIT

DURBAN – Public Works Minister Geoff Doidge, MP, celebrated as highly successful, the conclusion of the three day municipal Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Summit. Addressing the closing session of the summit, the Minister hailed the three day deliberations and interaction as a positive step in ensuring that all spheres of government are on board in the implementation of the EPWP.

“The historic summit we are closing today further commits us to the respect we have for our constitution as we place a particular focus on Chapter three, which obligates us to work cooperatively with each other. The curtains that are drawing to close on this summit, leaves us with a beam of hope for improved service delivery in our communities, and a commitment to the ethos that government delivers to us, with us and for us.

“With this summit, we exemplified our respect and appreciation for the critical role that has, can and must be played by our local sphere of government in implementing this cutting edge socio-economic programme. We further, acknowledge local government for their enthusiastic participation in the deliberations during this summit,” the minister said.

According to the Minister, all spheres of government, particularly municipalities, must claim full ownership of the EPWP and emphasised that this ownership status can only be enhanced through the successful implementation of the programme.