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Public Works
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE DPW FAMILY WELCOMES Ms GWEN LINDIWE MAHLANGU-NKABINDE, MP AS THE NEW MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

The DPW family would like to welcome the new Minister of Public Works, Ms Gwen Lindiwe Mahlangu-Nkabinde.

Ms Mahlangu-Nkabinde assumed her duties as the Minister on Monday 01 November 2010 immediately after the swearing-in ceremony at the Presidential Guest House. This followed President Jacob Zuma's reshuffling of the Cabinet on Sunday evening.

She takes the helm of the Department of Public Works after an almost eighteenth-month stint at Economic Development. She was appointed the Deputy Minister of Economic Development by President Zuma after the general elections in May last year. Before that she was the Speaker of the National Assembly.

A dedicated and selfless leader of the people who has worked for the betterment of the lives of South Africans, Minister Mahlangu-Nkabinde has a long and distinguished career in public service. She was among the first group of cadres that were deployed to Parliament in 1994 after the first democratic elections.

Over the years she rose through the ranks and has made a great impact in Parliament as an institution, serving in numerous committees and structures both inside and outside of Parliament. Her crowning moment came when she was elevated to the Speaker of the National Assembly in September 2008.

During her maiden meeting with the Executive Committee (EXCO) of the Department, the Minister acknowledged the complexity of Public Works but vowed to imbibe as much as possible about the portfolio in the shortest time so that she could hit the ground running.

An avid reader, the Minister also enjoys the great outdoors, photography and sport.

Wamukelekile/Rea go amogela Minister.