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MEDIA STATEMENT

MINISTER SIHLE ZIKALALA WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Sihle Zikalala, has noted the post Cabinet statement announcing the appointment of Mr Sifiso Mdakane as the new Director-General for the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure.

Minister Zikalala welcomes and congratulates Mr Mdakane on his new assignment.

Mr Mdakane is a seasoned public servant with a career spanning over 15 years in the public service at strategic senior management positions. He also has an illustrious career of serving in high management echelons in the private sector and in the local government sphere.

Minister Zikalala has emphasised that “the appointment of the DG brings stability and momentum to the turnaround plan to reposition the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure as a key driver of the country’s economic reconstruction and recovery and the government infrastructure implementing agent of choice”.

The Department has been without a full-time Director-General for a prolonged period of time, surviving on acting appointments.

“Since joining the department, we have introduced a performance-driven culture and service delivery impact approach. This includes ensuring that client care and quality service to client departments is paramount and ensuring that projects are delivered and implemented on time, within budget and reflect quality. We are closing the curtain on the history of the Department being associated with poor infrastructure, delivery, project delays, malfeasance and under-spending”, said Minister Zikalala.

“Mr Mdakane possesses skills and experience to hit the ground running in implementing these priorities”, Minister Zikalala concluded.

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure has a vision to turn South Africa into a construction site by implementing large scale infrastructure programmes aimed at reviving the construction industry and contributing to employment creation.

Minister Sihle Zikalala and Deputy Minister Bernice Swarts wish Mr Mdakane success, and assure him of the full support from the department and all stakeholders

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