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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**WARNING: SWINDLER IMPERSONATING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure wishes to alert the public that a swindler is going around impersonating Deputy Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure Sihle Zikalala and former Deputy Minister of Finance Mcebisi Jonas. The impostor is asking for money and falsely claiming to be acting on behalf of the two government leaders.

We distance the department from this fraud and urge the public not to fall for this scam. If you have been approached or have information, please report it to your local police and immediately open a case with the authorities.

For verification, contact the department directly through official channels using the following details:

**Antifraud Hotline: 0800 701 701**

**ENDS**

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