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MEDIA STATEMENT

MINISTER MACPHERSON WELCOMES APPOINTMENT OF IDT CEO

- The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure congratulates Mr Alford Sifiso Nsibande on his appointment as the CEO of the IDT following Cabinet approval on 23 September 2026, after serving as Acting CEO since November 2025.
- Under his leadership, the IDT has strengthened its financial and operational position, with its confirmed order book growing by R2 billion to R6 billion and cash on hand tripling. The IDT exceeded its 2025/26 infrastructure delivery target, completing 279 social infrastructure facilities against a target of 244.
- The appointment provides the IDT with permanent leadership as the organisation continues its work to strengthen governance, improve operational performance and deliver infrastructure projects on behalf of government

The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Dean Macpherson, has welcomed the appointment of Mr Alford Sifiso Nsibande as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Independent Development Trust (IDT), following Cabinet approval on 23 September 2026.

Mr Nsibande has served as Acting CEO of the IDT since 4 November 2025. The process to appoint a permanent CEO commenced in February 2026 following the resignation of the previous suspended CEO.

During his tenure as Acting CEO, Mr Nsibande, working alongside the IDT Board of Trustees, has overseen significant improvements in the organisation's financial and operational position. In the 2025/26 financial year, the IDT's confirmed order book has grown by R2 billion to R6 billion, while its cash on hand has tripled from a position in which the organisation was facing severe financial constraints. The IDT also delivered a strong performance in the same period, completing 279 social infrastructure facilities against a target of 244.

Mr Nsibande holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Accountancy and a Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Accountancy from the University of Durban-Westville, now part of the University of KwaZulu-Natal. In March 2026, he was conferred a Master of Philosophy in Digital Built Environment by the University of Johannesburg.

He is a Professional Accountant (SA) and a certified director through the Institute of Directors in South Africa (IoDSA), reflecting his experience and expertise in financial management, corporate governance and organisational oversight. He also holds a Postgraduate Certificate in Management from Henley Business School, in addition to a number of other professional qualifications and certificates.



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Mr Nsibande has further held a range of positions across both public institutions and private-sector organisations, bringing experience in financial management, governance and organisational leadership to his new role.

Minister Macpherson said the appointment provides the IDT with permanent leadership as the organisation continues its work to strengthen governance, improve operational performance and deliver infrastructure projects on behalf of government.

“Mr Nsibande has already had the opportunity to lead the IDT in an acting capacity over the past several months, giving him a detailed understanding of the organisation, its challenges and the work that needs to be done to position it for the future. His appointment provides the stability and leadership required as we continue the process of strengthening and repositioning the IDT as a trusted Infrastructure agency to ensure that it fulfils its mandate effectively, efficiently and in the public interest. I look forward to working with Mr Nsibande as we continue to address the challenges facing the IDT to ensure that it delivers value for money for taxpayers,” said Minister Macpherson.

The Minister congratulates Mr Nsibande on his appointment and wishes him well in his new role.

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