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MEDIA STATEMENT

Small Harbour development set to boost the Northern Cape economy by billions once completed

The Northern Cape coastal development is set to undergo dramatic change in the next few years with major developments in the pipeline. This coastal corridor will create big employment benefits as well as economic movement for the province and the whole country.

This assertion was made by the Deputy Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure Sihle Zikalala at the handover ceremony of the Spatial Economic Development Frameworks for the Port Nolloth and Hondeklipbaai harbours in the Northern Cape today. Zikalala said the development of these two harbours represent an opportunity to use public infrastructure investment as a catalyst for coastal economic development for the Northern Cape.

"This handover ceremony provides a dedicated pathway to progressing this infrastructure from feasibility studies and plans to actual bricks and mortar. In this regard, together, we are laying a solid foundation upon which to build the Northern Cape Province as a new economic growth frontier," said the Deputy Minister.

The three-phased development of the Port Nolloth and Hondeklipbaai small harbours is expected to generate big economic spin-offs for the province. The combined SEDF's indicate the potential for the two projects to contribute approximately R1.075 billion in construction related economic activities and 1 900 once off jobs followed by

approximately R220 million in annual business sales, R90 million in annual GDP contribution and 287 sustained jobs once developments are operational.

Echoing Northern Cape Premier Dr Zamani Saul during his state of the Province in February 2026, Zikalala said the Small Harbours development in the province will assist in setting the province as the new growth point of the country through the pulling together of its resources which include minerals, energy, infrastructure and agriculture.

The Port Nolloth harbour development will also complement the huge Boegoebaai Green Hydrogen development on the Northern Cape coast.

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