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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**Response of the Minister of Public Works to the article in *The Times* 21.05.2012: “Defence Minister on warpath – Public Works gets verbal broadside over lost land”**

I have noted the concerns expressed by Minister Lindiwe Sisulu regarding immovable assets falling under her Department and held in trust by Public Works – and will be seeking a meeting with her to address these.

The long-standing absence of a comprehensive and reliable Immovable Assets Register – listing state-owned properties – is receiving priority attention by my Department. As recently as 8<sup>th</sup> May in my Budget Vote speech I reported on significant progress made in this respect.

In the meantime a joint team has been established between the departments of Public Works and Defence to address outstanding issues.

Thulas Nxesi, Minister of Public Works

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