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## **Media Invitation**

### **Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Patricia de Lille and Deputy Minister, Noxolo Kiviet to announce the Department's support and respond to COVID 19**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa addressed the nation with regards to the Covid-19 outbreak, this comes shortly after the declaration of the corona virus as a global pandemic by the World Health Organization.

The President has declared a National State of Disaster, subsequently outlining a number of emergency measures to be implemented to mitigate the risk of the virus.

There has been an action plan put in place by each Department of Government. One of the aspects of this action plan is the communication to all stakeholders within the Property Sector, the Built Environment and the Construction Industry.

Minister de Lille is currently engaging with various industry bodies and entities within the built environment and construction sectors around measures they are taking to respond to COVID 19. The construction and built environment industry is a key sector in our economy and all sectors need to do their part as we work to combat and contain the spread of the virus while doing everything we can to prevent business and service delivery from being negatively impacted.

Minister de Lille and Deputy Minister, Kiviet will announce measures DPWI is taking internally to protect staff and ensure that key areas of work and service delivery continues in a safe manner. One of the key responses from DPWI has been to identify State-owned properties in all 44 districts and 8 metros that could be used as quarantine sites.

Minister de Lille will be hosting a press conference in Cape Town to address the media and public on the interventions by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure and the construction and built environment industry to respond to COVID 19.

Members of the media are invited to attend the press conference. Details are as follows:

Date: 19 March 2020

Time: 11h00 – 12h00

Venue: Imbizo Media Centre – Parliament, Cape Town

Journalists in and around Pretoria can link to the press conference from the Ronnie Mamoepa Centre in Pretoria

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