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Appointment of the CEO of the Construction Industry Development Board

Pretoria, on the recommendation of the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), the Minister of Public Works, Ms Thoko Didiza, has concurred with the appointment of Mr. Ronald Mafika Khoza as the new Chief Executive Officer of the CIDB. Mr. Khoza succeeds Mr. Spencer Hodgson who was its first CEO and has been in the position for the past five years.

The CIDB's mandate is to provide strategic leadership, promote sustainable growth and regulates performance of contractors. It was established in 2001 by Parliament to ensure that the construction sector delivers quality service as well as the enhanced role of the sector in the economy.

Some of the achievements of CIDB includes the registration of over 23 000 contractors in all provinces according to their capability to undertake public sector work. In the past 4 months, over 1130 contractors (85% black owned) have upgraded their capability, demonstrating the sustainable tendering environment created by the Register of Contractors. The *2010 Procure Manual*, which is now used by the host Metros was developed using the CIDB procurement best practices. At the same time, all major public clients have streamlined their procurement processes (national, provincial, municipal and parastatal) by switching to CIDB standard tendering and contract documentation.

In the ongoing roll-out of procurement reform, cidb has trained over 1800 officials and consultants. In partnership with National Treasury, the Development Bank of South Africa and Public Works, the CIDB has collaborated to roll-out government's Infrastructure Delivery Improvement Programme at provincial level. Collectively these initiatives have contributed to a 26% expansion of provincial infrastructure expenditure over the past year. Two key reports on *Skills Development* and *Public Infrastructure Maintenance* have been finalised by CIDB together with the Departments of Public Works, Public Enterprises and other stakeholders. These will further inform national strategies to support capacity building and the goals of ASGISA.

The Minister has congratulated Mr. Khoza on his appointment. "I trust that we will continue to work in partnership with the construction industry. Mr. Khoza shares the same passion with my Department for the construction industry and the challenges faced by all players in the industry, especially the developing contractors, the public sector clients and the built environment professionals.

"With this appointment, I believe that the CIDB is well placed and ready to lead the industry to ensure transformation, sustainable growth and development," concludes the Minister.

Mr. Khoza is a seasoned professional who has held a number of leadership positions in the construction consulting sector. He has a Diploma in Chemical Engineering, a BSc in Chemistry as well as a Masters in Business Leadership.

Mr. Khoza's appointment is with effect from the 1st of February, 2007, whereas the outgoing CEO, Mr. Spencer Hodgson, has been appointed Advisor to the Minister of Public Works.

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