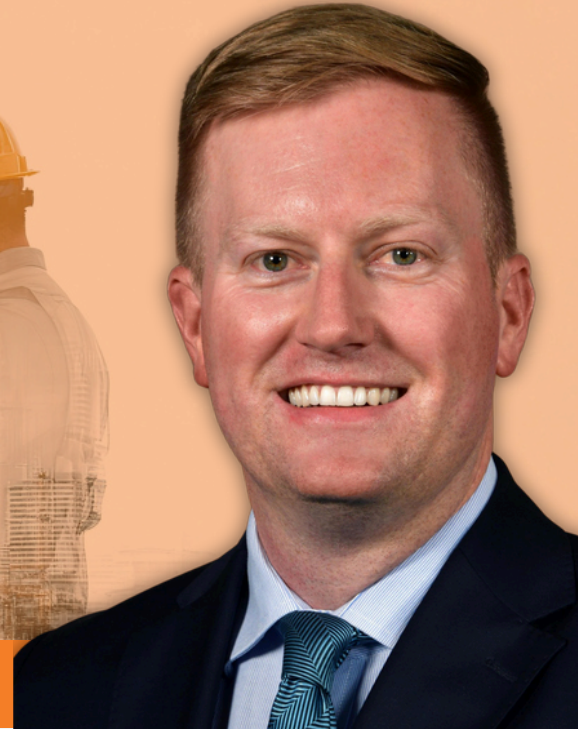


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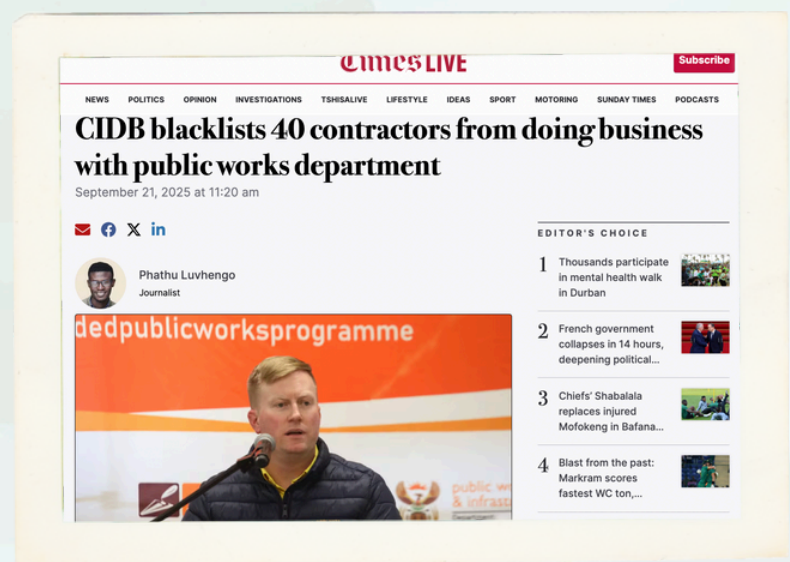
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Public Works Infrastructure



As we step into the final quarter of the year, it is clear that our collective hard work and determination are yielding real results. Across the Department and its entities, there is a renewed sense of accountability, delivery, and momentum – all driving us towards our goal of turning South Africa into a construction site and using public assets for public good. This past month has been particularly busy and productive, with important progress made in strengthening governance, improving delivery, and building partnerships across the sector.

We began September by taking firm action to enforce accountability in the construction industry. The Construction Industry Development Board has now blacklisted forty contractors since I took office, compared to only one in the past two decades. This decisive step sends a clear message that non-performance will no longer be tolerated. Every rand spent must deliver quality infrastructure that supports economic growth and job creation. It is this kind of accountability that will rebuild public confidence and strengthen our Department's role as a capable, professional delivery unit.



[CIDB blacklists 40 contractors from doing business with public works department](#)

At the same time, I welcomed the Cabinet's concurrence of the appointment of Ms Lorraine Naidoo as Deputy Director-General for Supply Chain Management. Her extensive experience in procurement, governance and compliance will help stabilise this crucial branch, root out corruption, and ensure that public assets are managed with integrity and professionalism. These leadership appointments are critical as we continue to reform our systems to ensure that every project, big or small, contributes meaningfully to South Africa's development.



Master Builders South Africa Annual Congress in Sun City

At the start of September, I had the opportunity to address the Master Builders South Africa Annual Congress in Sun City, where I reflected on the progress we have made in rebuilding the construction sector and accelerating delivery. I also highlighted the strides made through Infrastructure South Africa (ISA) in strengthening project preparation and driving job creation. At the gathering, I was honoured to receive a recognition award on behalf of the Department – a testament to the difference industry stakeholders are already seeing in our work. This recognition belongs to all of you – the officials across the Department and its entities who are driving change with commitment and pride.



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Infrastructure South Africa continues to play a leading role in our mission to fast-track delivery. This month, ISA launched Bid Window II for project preparation support and signed a landmark agreement with the African Export-Import Bank in Algeria to establish a USD 5 million (R87 million) Joint Project Preparation Facility. I congratulate Acting Head, Mameetse Masemola, and her team for these bold steps, which will ensure that South Africa's infrastructure pipeline remains strong, bankable, and ready for investment. Through these efforts, we are ensuring that infrastructure projects move beyond planning and into construction, creating jobs and driving growth.

Later in September, in Hout Bay in Cape Town, I joined the local community to officially open the new City Sightseeing South Africa stop at Hout Bay Harbour – a project that became possible through collaboration with our property tenants in the area. This initiative will boost tourism, attract visitors to local businesses, and create jobs for the community. It is a simple but powerful example of how public assets can be used for public good, turning state-owned properties into drivers of local economic activity and community upliftment.



Officially open the new City Sightseeing South Africa stop at Hout Bay Harbour

Also in Cape Town, our reform efforts for the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) also continues to gain momentum. I was joined by Cape Town Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis, MMC Carl Pophaim and MMC Grant Twigg in Mitchells Plain for the latest leg of our EPWP Listening Tour, where it was encouraging to see how the City of Cape Town has embraced fairness, transparency, and dignity in the management of its programme – with SMS-based recruitment notifications, skills-based placements, and a clear commitment to community impact. We will take these lessons forward as we work to reform the national programme so that it better serves communities such as Tafelsig, and continues to provide real opportunities to those who need them most.



EPWP Listening Tour in Mitchells Plain

Later in the month, I was honoured to be joined by Deputy President Paul Mashatile at the Umoyilanga–Dassiesridge Energy Project in the Eastern Cape ahead of our MinMec meeting. as Tafelsig, and continues to provide real opportunities to those who need them most.

The energy project is a landmark example of how partnership can deliver tangible results by combining wind, solar, and battery storage to deliver 75 MW of reliable power to the grid, enough to power 120,000 households every day. Thanks to Infrastructure South Africa's support, approvals were fast-tracked, ensuring the project could proceed without unnecessary delays. It has already created hundreds of jobs and represents the kind of innovation and urgency that we must replicate across our infrastructure landscape.



Deputy President Paul Mashatile at the Umoyilanga–Dassiesridge Energy Project in the Eastern Cape

Later in the day at MinMec, a meeting between me and members of the executive council for public works in all nine provinces, we received tangible updates on the reform efforts underway within the department and the industry to ensure that we achieve our goal of turning South Africa into a construction site. A number of innovative issues were discussed, which I look forward to unpacking and unveiling in the months ahead.



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In this regard, own projects continue to make significant strides. This month, the Department completed Section One of the R469 million Burgersdorp Correctional Facility in the Eastern Cape, ahead of schedule and on budget. The expanded facility aligns with international best practice and demonstrates what is possible when we combine discipline, teamwork, and commitment to excellence. It is a powerful example of the quality and efficiency we are working to institutionalise across all our projects. This is the power of Public Works – delivery that changes lives.



Burgersdorp Correctional Facility in the Eastern Cape

Each of these milestones,

large and small, represents another step forward in restoring pride, efficiency, and integrity to our Department. As we enter the final stretch of the year, I want to thank every member of Team Public Works & Infrastructure for your dedication, professionalism, and passion for service. Together, we are proving that this Department can lead by example – delivering value for money, creating jobs, and driving the infrastructure-led growth our country so urgently needs.

Let us continue building, together, towards a better South Africa.

Yours in service,

DEAN MACPHERSON, MP

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