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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **KZN PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE CUTS OUTSTANDING CONTRACTOR PAYMENTS FROM R1 BILLION TO R0 IN HISTORICAL MILESTONE**

The department of Public Works and Infrastructure in KwaZulu-Natal is proud to announce the achievement of cutting down outstanding contractor payments to R0 as of today. This mammoth milestone is the first of its kind in recent years for the department, meaning not a single contractor payment is outstanding and that all payments are well within the 30-day payment period for work completed.

The just under R1 billion debt to contractors was a stumbling block in the financial obligations and operations of KZN Public Works and Infrastructure. Not only had it hindered day-to-day functionality, but it had also been a burden for contractors who also could not meet their financial commitments.

This milestone comes after the latest payment of R200 million that KZN Public Works and Infrastructure has just paid out to contractors. This means that all contractors who had payments due to them can now keep operational, pay staff, acquire the necessary tools for their trade and ultimately even keep their doors open.

This latest achievement by KZN Public Works and Infrastructure comes just a year in since MEC Martin Meyer took up office. One of his earliest observations was the need to reduce the department's outstanding financial constraints with rates and contractor payments being among the highest ranking.

"The important role played by contractors on our behalf can no longer be undermined. Contractors are our equal partners as KZN Public Works and Infrastructure and if we want to remain functional, then they should be prioritized equally so", said MEC Meyer.

MEC Meyer has credited this latest feat by his department to senior officials who shared his vision, as led by Acting Head of Department, Dr Vish Govender, and the maintained focused on key mandates.

The successful engagements initiated with client departments who owed KZN Public Works and Infrastructure millions in Rands have also contributed positively with KZN Public Works and Infrastructure meeting them halfway in order to ensure that it becomes easier for them to meet payment obligations so that, in turn, contractors can be paid.

This also comes as KZN Public Works and Infrastructure last month welcomed an unqualified audit, from the Auditor General, with only one finding which related to late contractor payments. It was the first time in a decade that the department had realized such a favourable audit finding.

Going forward, KZN Public Works and Infrastructure remains committed to intensifying relationships with contractors as key stakeholders while continuing to ensure that every cent of the KZN public's hard-earned taxes is accounted for and goes towards building their communities better.

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