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URGENT STATEMENT

UPDATE: KZN PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE TERMINATES FAILING CONTRACTOR AT SIBONGINHLANHLA PRIMARY SCHOOL

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works and infrastructure announces the termination of the contractor who was appointed to construct the Sibonginhlanhla Primary School in Waterloo.

The decision was taken following thorough deliberation and consultation with Bidding and Adjudating Committee which resulted in the outcome.

On Tuesday (4 August) MEC Martin Meyer conducted a media oversight at the school where he communicated on the contractor failings which include:

- Repeatedly failing to commit to remedial resolutions offered as part of assistance by KZN Public Works and Infrastructure
- Persistent delays which have resulted in the project only sitting at 52% as opposed to completed, leading to increased costs from the initial R84 million
- Flouting several safety regulations
- Constructing a structural unsound project

Due to this being an ongoing and possible legal matter the department will not be commenting further on the matter until it has reached finalization.

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