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Roads and Public Works  
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# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR STOPS CONSTRUCTION AT THE NURSES COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION SITE**

We confirm that the Department of Labour has stopped some activities on site due to non-compliance of the contractor to the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The contractor has been warned to mitigate the safety risks. The standing contract is between the department and the main contractor, Base Major Construction. All payments from the department to the main contractor is up to date, hence there is no reason why the main contractor cannot pay his subcontractor.

The department will intervene to ensure compliance with safety requirements such as the securing of scaffolding and the provisioning of harnesses to the construction workers. Protective clothing has been delivered. The prohibition notice will be lifted as soon as the contractor addressed the safety risks. The department will monitor the contractor to ensure compliance. No property was damaged during the protest, but no work was conducted on this day.

This is the First Phase of the provision of accommodation for students. This contract is for the construction of a facility to accommodate 350 students and the value is R161million. There are 96 workers on site.

Ms Crystal Robertson

(Spokesperson)

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