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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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MEC CELE WILL OFFICIATE THE OPENING OF SIKWEBEZI PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ON FRIDAY 8 JUNE 2007 AT MDUMELA HIGH SCHOOL IN OSUTHU - KWANONGOMA AT 10H00

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will conduct the official opening of Sikwebezi Pedestrian Bridge in Osuthu on Friday 8th June 2007. This follows an outcry from school children and members of the community concerning years of suffering which has resulted to school children being washed away by floods and being victims of crocodile attacks; sick people not being able to reach hospitals and basic health services, as well as families being prevented from attending burials during the rainy season.

Sikwebezi Pedestrian Bridge is among several of the multi-million projects which were launched last year (2006) in Osuthu near Nongoma with the total budget of R85 million towards the construction of pedestrian bridges and access roads across the province with the aim of accelerating rural development. The bridge, which cost an estimated R2.9 million, will provide access to basic services; such as access to schools, clinics and agricultural activities.

The construction of Skwebezi pedestrian bridge created employment for 20 local people, particularly youth and women, during the construction period of five months.

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