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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT UMNYANGOWEZOK
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Re : Media Alert regarding Certificate Awarding Ceremony for the National Construction Contractor Learnerships

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport together with The Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA) will host a certificate awarding ceremony of National Construction Contractor Learnerships (NQF Level 2) **in Pietermaritzburg at the Royal Show Grounds on 11 May 2007 at 09h00am.**

The Department of Transport identified a need for training as there was lack of skills within the Construction Industry. The Department of Transport KZN entered into 100 Construction Contractor Learnerships (NQF Level 2) in September 2002, partnering with the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA).

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Department and CETA. The Department was to provide learning environment and logistical support for the learnerships, 93 out of 100 Learnership Agreements were signed during June 2004. Stakeholders involved were the Training Providers, Learners, Vukuzakhe Contractors as primary employers and the Department as secondary employers.

Learners were recruited from Stage 1 - 4 Vukuzakhe Emerging Contractors with each region being allocated 25 learnerships. The duration of this learnership was 24 months, and included contractors' managerial skills, and targeted mainly women and youth within the Construction Industry.

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will address the ceremony.

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