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Re : LAUNCH OF SIYAZENZELA PROJECT ON 12 APRIL 2007

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison together with the Mayor for Hibiscus Coast Municipality Ms NF Shusha will launch a pilot project on waste management. This Project will be implemented within the ambit of the Expanded Public Works Programme, focusing on the environment and culture sector. The project will be known as Siyazenzela.

The launch will be held in Ugu Agricultural Market, Port Shepstone on 12 April 2007 10H00.

The purpose of the project is to alleviate poverty whilst affording the community members an opportunity work by collecting and managing waste within their living environment. The waste management project will be piloted at Masenenge, Mkholombe, Bhobhoyi and Louisiana within Hibiscus Coast Municipality. The KwaZulu-Natal cabinet has identified Hibiscus Coast, Msunduzi and eThekweni municipalities. In supporting the three municipalities to pilot the programme, the Department of Transport through its EPWP unit has set aside R2million. The fund is to assist municipalities to plan, design and start with the implementation of the programme.

The Siyazenzela Project is modeled legally on a pioneering waste collection project of Curitiba, in Brazil commonly known as 'GARBAGE - THAT IS NOT GARBAGE'. There, the programme design is aimed at accessing communities and generally not able to get waste collection services. These communities are then recruited to collect and deliver household waste to designated central depots for collection by the local authority in exchange for vegetables food parcels. The local authority then proceeds with the processing of the waste and stratifying it for recycling usage.

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