

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC CELE TO OFFICIATE THE SOD – TURNING FOR UMSINGA TOP UPGRADING OF D1273

KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Cele will officiate a sod – turning ceremony for Umsinga Top upgrading of D1273 on Saturday (14/06/08) at Usizo High School Sport's field ground at 10h00am.

The project entails upgrading of the existing gravel road to a surfaced blacktop and will provide an all weather surfaced and the only link road between Msinga/Dundee and the Ncikida Village. The road will serve a large community and provide access to schools and health services. The construction period is 10 months and the estimated cost for this project is R53milliom.

"The project is in line with the Departmental objective of bringing service delivery to people and more so, the project will create 3500 jobs for the

locals. It will also improve the quality of education for the pupils since they will now be able to access schools even on rainy days which will improve the socio-economy and the quality standard of the KZN citizens" said Cele.

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