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MEC BHEKI CELE OFFICIATES THE SOD TURNING CEREMONY AT IMPENDLE

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Cele will tomorrow (Saturday, 27-09-08) officiate the sod turning ceremony at KwaThunzi (next to Umkomaas low level river crossing) on District Road 1357, Impendle at 09:00 am.

The sod turning is the first step in the construction of Umkomaas River Bridge. The current structure consists of a low level causeway that over tops in summer. This results in the neighbouring communities of Loteni and Impendle not being able to have access to each other. The bridge will form part of the link between the two communities.

When the democratic government took over in 1994, the challenge was not only to address historical imbalances but also to face new challenges imposed by globalization. It is in this context that The KZN Department of Transport, Community Safety and Liaison set a goal of achieving a better life for the people living in the province.

"We, as the KZN Department of Transport, Community Safety and Liaison are committed to unlocking the shackles of poverty in the province and empowering its people. Not only will the construction of this bridge better the lives of the people of Impendle and Loteni, it will also create job opportunities for the local people," said Cele

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