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MEC CELE TO OFFICIATE THE SOD – TURNING FOR MAIN ROAD P549 AT MATIMATOLO

KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, **Mr. Bheki Cele** will on **Sunday (03/08/08)**, officiate **sod - turning ceremony for main road P549 to be upgraded from being gravel to blacktop at Sangweni Primary School, Greytown-Matimatolo area at 09H00.**

The project entails in upgrading the main road P549 from being gravel to blacktop, due to the gravel wearing course failing to hold heavy traffic that uses that road called for regravelling for almost every financial year. Main road 549 carries large amount of traffic of different classes which are destined for Matimatolo area, union Corp Sugar Cane, Eshane area and Mondi Papers. This road also serves as a feeder road to holiday resorts such as the Lilani Hot Springs Hotel which always have an influx of tourists visiting the natural hot springs. P549 is approximately 30km in length and the estimated cost of the project is estimated at R30million rand for the completion of 8km for the 2008/9 financial year.

“The main purpose for the road to be upgraded is to deliver service to the citizens and providing a much healthier and safer environment for the public. Under the Department’s theme of “Operation K’shunquthuli” dust will be eliminated therefore achieving a drop in accident rate. It will also improve the standard of living for the school children and residents of Matimatolo as it contains one of the tourists attraction site”, said Cele

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