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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA

MEDIA INVITATIONS

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**LAUNCH OF "IMISEBENZI IYABONAKALA – SIBUYISELA
OKWABANTU KUBANTU" : ULUNDI STADIUM – SUNDAY, 30
NOVEMBER 2008 AT 9AM**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will officiate the launch of a service delivery campaign aimed at showcasing transport infrastructure development in the province under the theme "*Imisebenzi iyabonakala – Sibuyisela okwabantu kubantu*" (We are taking what belongs to the people back to the people). The event will be held at Ulundi Stadium at 9am on Sunday (30/11/08).

This is aimed at showcasing all transport infrastructure projects and programmes the Department has embarked on since 2004 to date. The campaign will be rolled out in support of the department's strategic vision of "*Prosperity through mobility*" and in keeping to the ideals of '*Defending the Weak*' by ensuring wealth increase and significant improvement of the quality of life of all citizens of the Province.

Operation Kushunq'uthuli which is aimed at developing rural transport infrastructure e.g. pedestrian bridges and access roads has been instrumental in changing the lives of the poorest of the poor by providing access to basic

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services. The African Renaissance Road Upgrading Programme (ARRUP) and Road for Rural development projects have been hailed successful in providing infrastructure development.

"The Department of Transport has spear-headed labour intensive and poverty alleviation projects as such as Zibambeke, Siyazenzela and emerging contractor development-Vukuzakhe. The department has further spent over R3 billion for road construction and road maintenance around the KZN province and over R1.3 billion spent in the Zululand district alone for transport infrastructure development, " said Cele

MEC CELE WILL UNVEIL THE SUMMER HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY PLAN AND LAUNCH A LONG AWAITED MOBILE BREAK TESTER MACHINE ON TUESDAY 02 DECEMBER 2008 AT PARK RYNNIE RTI PREMISES AT 9H00.

MEC Cele will unveil the Summer Holiday Road Safety Plan on the 02/12/08 on the N2 near Park Rynie. Cele is also expected to launch a mobile break-tester machine which is one of a kind in South Africa. It is aimed at testing and detecting the road worthiness of a vehicle. This mobile unit will be used around KZN this festive season to reduce and curb all the unroadworthy vehicles on our KZN roads to reduce road fatalities.

Cele is also expected to be part of a multidisciplinary road block on the adjacent N2 and also including Park Rynie interchange. A series of road safety activities to be implemented throughout the festive season will also be outlined.

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"Our mandate is to save lives and to strive for an accident free, safe and healthy festive season. Road Safety is Everybody's Responsibility therefore we urge all motorists to 'Just Do Right' on the road hence 100% Compliance on our roads is the order of the day," said Cele.

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