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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**MEC CELE COMMENDS EMPANGENI REGION LAW ENFORCERS ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL OPERATION AT GINGINDLOVU**

KWAZULU-NATAL Transport, Community Safety and Liaison MEC Mr. Bheki Cele commends the Empangeni Region RTI officers and the SAPS on their successful intensified operations that took place at Gingindlovu yesterday-Tuesday (7/10/08) afternoon between R66 and R102 intersection.

A road block was conducted after MEC Cele officiated the opening of the Gingindlovu Weigh Bridge yesterday (7/10/08). This is a multimillion project established to ensure that trucks are not overloaded and also to check vehicle brakes, general vehicle condition as well as driver conduct. The total number of vehicles weighed was 15 and two of which were charged for overloading. One truck belonging to BP Shell Company was transporting petrol and its permissible axle mass is 9 000 kg. The truck weighed 9460 kg, exceeding by 460kg which is half a ton. A Unitrans truck, transporting sugar cane was found overloading by 13 360 kg on a permissible axle mass of 18 000 kg, which is one and a half tons. A total of 7 vehicles were suspended of which two trucks were suspended and impounded.

A multidisciplinary roadblock was conducted on the R66/R102 intersection (Gingindlovu crossroads). The MEC and the HOD were part of that roadblock and the statistics were as follows:

28 drivers failed to carry/ none driving license charges of which 22 failed to produce PRDP. 26 people were charged for seat belts. 6 charges were for tyres, 8 were for rear lamps and stop lamps and 1 charge was for brakes, 5 for direction indicators, 7 number plate charges, 2 other defects, 2 overloading. A total of 114 charges were obtained in the period of about 2 hours.

"We will continue with our efforts through law enforcement to put away unroadworthy vehicles in order to ensure that public transport is safe, comfortable and efficient at all times," said Cele.

**ENDS.**

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