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MEC CELE OFFICIATE THE OPENING OF A MULTI-MILLION GINGINDLOVU WEIGH BRIDGE PROJECT

The KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Cele will tomorrow (06/10/2008) officiate the opening of the Gingindlovu Weigh Bridge at Gingindlovu at 9H00.

The majority of the provincial weighbridges are located in close proximity to the N2 and N3 corridors, thus ensuring overloading control on these corridors is essential. It has been investigated that 60% of the road damage is caused by overloaded trucks; it thus makes sense that to control overloading on our roads is a very high priority to safeguard the life expectancy of our roads.

Overloaded vehicles are also a road safety hazard for other road users due to the reduced braking capacity and stability of the vehicles. It was for these reasons that the Department decided to construct a Traffic Control Centre (TCC) at Gingindlovu, not only to weigh vehicles but to be able to check the vehicle brakes, general vehicle condition together with driver compliance. This will furthermore assist in addressing the ever increasing accident rate along the R66/ R34 corridor. The cost of the entire project was R10.5 million and it was completed in August 2008.

“Overloading is a serious challenge that has serious consequences particularly in road fatalities and road damages. With all these projects the department is engaging on, we want to ensure that the all road users and motorists are safe at all times. We are going to have intensive operations to ensure that there is 100% compliance amongst our motorists and especially truck drivers in this Province. All motorists and trucking companies are urged to make sure that their vehicles are in a roadworthy condition before they leave their premises, said Cele.

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