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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
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MEDIA ALERT

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MEC CELE TO OFFICIALLY OPEN P218 AND P710

The KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Bheki Cele will officially open roads P218 and P710 at an event to be held at Embongolwane, Endayini Ediphini starting at 9h00 on Thursday (16 April 2009).

These two roads will enable improved access to the local medical facility, Bongelwana Hospital and other local schools. This project benefited a lot of local residents since unskilled labour and Vukuzakhe Contractors are sourced from the local communities, resulting in 110 local jobs.

P218 and P710, whose phase 1 has been completed, will provide the local community with an all weather link onto the existing P50 surfaced road in the north and to Sundumbili in the south. They will also aid in the abstraction of timber and sugar cane produced by local farmers in the area and also to the timber and sugar mills located on the coast.

The project is a seven year plan and completion is anticipated in 2013 with estimated cost of R105,000,000.

MEC CELE OFFICIALLY OPENS P296/P38

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Bheki Cele will open the Provincial Road P296/P38 at an event to be held at Buhlebozinyathi Multi-skill Centre (Dannhauser) starting at 9h00 on Friday (17 April 2009).

The road will provide a link between the Drycut, Blaaubosch, Osizweni, Eastborne Farm, Inverness, KwaMafahlawane, Naas Farm, Clere, KwaPhillip, Springbok, Jokisi, Spookmill, Donka, Kint and Serru areas and its total length is 27.5 km. The estimated cost for P296 is R135.9 million. About 958 (58617 person days) job opportunities were created during the construction of this road. The local residents will benefit from this road as they will have easy access to clinics, crèches, police stations and schools.

“Since our liberation in 1994 we as the government have been committed to bettering the lives of the people, especially those who reside in rural areas. Under the theme *Imisebenz’ iyabonakala, sibuyisela okwabantu kubantu*, the KZN Department of Transport continues to defend the weak at all levels of society,” said Cele.

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