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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA

MEDIA ALERT

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MEC CELE TO OFFICIATE THE SOD TURNING OF NGXONGO ROAD

The Provincial MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Bheki Cele will officiate the sod turning of Ngxongo Road to be held at Fundokuhle High School at Kwa-Kopi on Sunday (10 May 2009). This event will start at 9 am.

The proposed alignment is approximately 15 kilometres in length and its approximate total cost at present is R10.5 million. The road falls under the Msinga Rural Roads Transport Forum (RRTF) area and is within the Mchunu Tribal Authority.

Ngxongo road will serve more than 2000 homesteads particularly Merton primary school, Fundokuhle High School and Nhlesi Secondary School. These children travel through mountainous forests on a daily basis to get to school, putting their lives at risk especially during wet conditions. The construction of this road will provide easy mobility to mobile clinics and pension payouts. It will also shorten the distance to get to places like Greytown, Tugela Ferry and Keates Drift.

"The Department of Transport is dedicated in improving the lives of people in Kwa-Zulu Natal, especially those who reside in rural areas. With our new slogan, *"SinguHulumeni Ongenzi Izithembiso, Kodwa Ofeza Izithembiso"*, we are proud that we are the government that does not make empty promises, but fulfils the needs of the people. This government is for the people, by the people," said Cele.

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