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MEC CELE TO OFFICIALLY OPEN P568 AND UKHULU BRIDGE

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele, will officiate the opening of P568 and Ukhulu Bridge in Macekane in the Empangeni Region. The opening will take place on Thursday, 26 March 2009 at 09:00 at the Macekane sports ground.

This road, in particular, forms part of the Department of Transport, Roads for Rural Development program, which entails the upgrade of an existing gravel road to a 7m, Type 4 surfaced road. The first phase of Main Road 568 was between km 0.00 to km 10.00 with an estimated construction cost of R67.9M. Design of Main Road 568 was completed in the first quarter of 2006 and construction commenced in the third quarter of 2006, with the expected completion date as March 2009

To date a total of R61.37M has been spent in construction activities including the construction of a bridge at km 0.9, consisting of a 6 barrel, 4.8m x 4.8m structure. To date the project has created 18,180 person days of temporary local employment of which 86 are women, 119 being youth and a total of 207 men.

"Since our Liberation in 1994 our Government has fully committed itself to bettering the lives of the people, hence the Department of Transport is dedicated not only with the construction of infrastructure that will give access to economic growth but also to impart skills and create sustainable jobs for the local people. The KZN Department of Transport continues to defend the Weak at all levels of Society," said Cele.

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