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### **MEC CELE OFFICIATES R617 MILLION FLOOD DAMAGE PLAN**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Cele will unveil a R617 million strategic plan which will help rebuild the lives of those affected by the recent floods in the Ugu District on Tuesday **(27-01-2009)**. The event will start at 9 am at KwaMachi at Mthendu, near Umdlengathi Secondary School.

Last year heavy rain, as much as 500 mm in some places, fell over two days causing disastrous flooding along a 40 km wide strip of the coastal region of KwaZulu-Nata stretching from eZingolweni to uMgababa. This resulted in severe damage to infrastructure in both urban and rural areas and caused disruption of essential services and hardship to thousands of people.

“Since our liberation in 1994 we as the government have committed ourselves to bettering the lives of our people, especially those in the rural areas. The KZN Department of Transport continues to defend the weak at all levels of society under the theme *Kushunq’uthuli, sibuyisela okwabantu kubantu*,” said Cele.

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