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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA

**MEDIA ALERT**

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**MEC CELE TO OFFICIATE THE OPENING OF MPEMBENI BRIDGE P432**

KWAZULU NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele, will officiate the opening of Mpembeni Bridge P432 at 09:00 near the Bridge on Thursday (02/03/09) at Babanago.

The bridge is situated on main road P432, between main road P47 and Babanago and is some 10 km from the intersection with P47. Both approaches to the Mpembeni River Bridge were washed away during a large storm in 2005 and the direct road link between Ulundi and Babanago had been cut. The approaches to the structure had been washed away fairly frequently during the lifetime of the old bridge. This was because the bridge opening was basically inadequate for the Mpembeni River. The construction of this bridge totals R4.8 million

"The Department of Transport is more than dedicated not only with the construction of infrastructure that will give access to economic growth but also to impart skills and to more especially to create sustainable jobs for the local people, especially in the rural areas. The Department will continue with its efforts to defend the weak at all levels of society," said Cele.

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