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MEC CELE TO OFFICIATE SOD-TURNING OF QHUDENI ROAD

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Bheki Cele will on Friday (03/04/09) officiate the sod turning of Qhudeni Road. The event will be held at Gwija Primary School and Qhobo Secondary School Sport grounds at 09H00.

Since this road starts near Qhobo Secondary School and Gwija Primary School, it will serve over 100 homesteads within the Mlambomunye and Bagayi area. This road will provide easy access to Msinga and other public facilities and public transport. It is estimated to be 9km in length.

Qhudeni road falls under the Nquthu Rural Roads Transport Forum (RRTF) area and is within the Vulindlela Traditional Authority. The road starts on L1991 and will end at the Mzinyathi River, overlooking the Msinga area (near Wolwane Road).

“In the past years the Department of Transport has been gradually unlocking the economic shackles by means of innovative programmes that sought to address rural poverty. Our efforts in trying to push back the frontiers of poverty, especially in the rural areas, are known and experienced everywhere in the province”, said Cele.

MEC CELE TO OFFICIATE SOD-TURNING OF NYONYANA ROAD (L1906) AND THE OPENING OF P32

The KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Bheki Cele will on Saturday (04/04/09) officiate the opening of P32 and the sod turning of Nyonyana Road in Kwazenzele, Kwashabase in Msinga. The event will start at 9h00.

This vehicular link between the Kwagede area and Kwashabase area, which are both located in Kwazenzele, will provide easy access for mobile clinics, pension payouts, furniture vehicles and hearses since it will shorten the distance from Kwagede to Pomeroy, Tugela Ferry and Dundee. It is estimated to cost R10.1 million.

The 5 kilometer-road serves between 250- 500 homesteads and Kwagede Primary School pupils. The residents of this area will not have to travel through mountainous forests to get various services, which put their lives at risk. Nyonyana Road falls under the Msinga Rural Roads Transport Forum (RRTF) and is within the Majozi Tribal Authority.

“Our commitment to promoting a safe road environment is precisely due to the fact that the Department of Transport has a constitutional responsibility to ensure that our people have a safe and reliable transport system in the province. It is our duty to minimize carnage on our road through education and enforcement. We have to work tirelessly to ensure that South Africa becomes a better place for all and reducing unnecessary suffering on our roads is fundamental”, said Cele.

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