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MEC OFFICIALLY OPENS NGUNJINI MINE ROAD

The KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will on Tuesday (07-04-2009) officiate the opening of Ngunjini Mine Road. The event will start at 9am at Solomuzi High School Sports Ground.

The total length of the Ngunjini road is approximately 7km and cost R3.3 million. This initiative will also boost the economy of aBaqulusi Municipality as it will create job opportunities and alleviate poverty in the area.

In August 1997 communities from Mondlo, Vryheid, Mahlabathini, eDumbe, Nongoma formed a committee to represent plans of re-opening mines in and around the Vryheid area which had been closed prior to the 1994 elections.

The KZN Department of transport supported this initiative of re-opening mines as it is one of the Department's objectives to help emerging merchants to realize their aspirations in terms of economic development in the province. The Department therefore committed itself that the Mondlo Mine access road be upgraded to a well engineered gravel road standard, in order to promote job opportunities through mining in the area.

About ±200 local people will get job opportunities on the opening of the Ngunjini mine. Local suppliers will also benefit from the project as they will not have to obtain material from other towns.

“We as the KZN Department of Transport are dedicated to defending the weak. Not only will this road better and save the lives of people in Mondlo, jobs will be created for the local people to alleviate poverty”, said Cele.

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