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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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### **OPENING OF MULTI-MILLION ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT AT MATIMATOLO.**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will officiate the opening of P549 on Tuesday (20-01-2009). The event will start at 9 am at Sangweni High School at Matimatolo, Greytown.

Road P549 is approximately 30 km long and thus far a distance of 12km has been surfaced with a slurry seal at a cost of R30 million. The road carries large amounts of traffic of different classes, which are destined for the Matimatolo area, Union Corp Sugar Cane, Eshane area and Mondi Papers, as well as the Natural Hot-spring, a popular tourist destination. Approximately 4000 Matimatolo households will benefit from this road upgrade.

"Since our liberation in 1994 we as the government have been committed to bettering the lives of the people, especially those in rural areas. The KZN Department of Transport continues to defend the weak at all levels of society under the theme *Imisebenz' iyabonakala, sibuyisela okwabantu kubantu*," said Cele.

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