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MEC CELE OFFICIATES SOD TURNING IN MSINGA

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will officiate at the sod turning ceremony of the road P368/P373 on Tuesday (13-01-2009). The ceremony will take place at 09:00 am at kwaMnguni Open Field eMhlangana, Msinga.

Road P368/P373 starts at the intersection with main road P6/3 approximately 91km from Dundee and proceeds towards a densely populated village. The upgrade of this road will benefit the people of Mhlangana and other local communities as it is a shortcut between them and Uthukela, where all the basic services like the clinic and pension pay point are found. The road is 43, 5 km long however it will be upgraded in phases. The 1st phase is 5 km long and is expected to be completed at the end of March. It will cost approximately R26 million and create jobs for 6000 people.

"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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