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TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 11 MAY 2011

**MEC TO OFFICIATE THE OPENING OF IBHOKWE VEHICLE BRIDGE AT VRYHEID AND OBI VANE
RIVER BRIDGE AT DUMBE**

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu will officiate the opening of Ibhokwe Vehicle Bridge at Vryheid tomorrow (12/05/2011).

Bhokwe Vehicle Bridge provides access to the Bhokwe coal mine that will be re-opened, as well as the pay points at Swart Mfolozi Shopping Centre & Gluckstadt, the Mfolozi High and Mnyathi Primary Schools. This road was constructed at a budget of R 7.5 million.

DATE: 12 MAY 2011

VENUE: Mnyathi Sports Ground

TIME: 08h00

MEC Mchunu will then proceed to Dumbe to officiate the opening of Obivane River Bridge at 12h00, which is located along D1880, situated 50 km away of North West of Vryheid. The bridge is a link between the Ophuzane and Mahloni areas and serves a population of about 20 000 people. The construction of this bridge serves these communities by providing desperately needed access to the Zamazama Primary School, Ophuzane Clinic and the Triple Seven Store pension pay-point.

The construction of the bridge has reduced distance from Ophuzane to Vryheid by up to 20km. Access to public transport has greatly improved and the taxi business has thrived also providing transport to people in these isolated areas. This bridge was constructed in 2009 at a budget of R6.068 million and created 50 job opportunities.

All media houses are invited.

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