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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA

MEDIA ALERT

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 17 JANUARY 2011

**MEC MCHUNU TO OFFICIATE THE OPENING OF BHANYA RIVER BRIDGE AT VRYHEID**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu will tomorrow (18/01/11) officiate the opening of Bhanya River Bridge in Vryheid.

This bridge is located in Bhekuzulu Township under Abaqulusi Local Municipality in Zululand District Municipality. The bridge was constructed to link kwaBhanya, Bhekuzulu, Emathrihandredi, KwaNyosi and KwaBoyana communities and also to eliminate the risk of the community drowning in the river as they use the route as a short cut to access Vryheid. The bridge will also benefit the community by serving as an alternative route to the cemetery since the main route gets flooded and is not accessible during heavy rain falls. KwaBhanya High School after completion of Bhanya Bridge will be easily accessible as it is a problem to be accessible during wet conditions.

The Bridge is 37.6 m long and 11m wide. Four emerging contractors benefited and 155 job opportunities were created. The total Budget of the Project is R12, 741,447.09

**DATE: 17 JANUARY 2011**

**VENUE: Emadosheni-Bhekuzulu Sports Ground (Vryheid)**

**TIME: 10H00**

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