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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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DATE : 10 July 2011

MEC MCHUNU TO OPEN JOHN ROSS INTERSECTION IN RICHARDS BAY

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu will tomorrow (11/07/2011) officiate the opening of John Ross Intersection in Richards Bay.

This is a public-private initiative between the Department of Transport in the province and BHP Biliton Alluminuin SA. The project alone cost more than R75 million.

The John Ross/West Central Arterial intersection has always been extremely congested and the new overpass link road will certainly improve the safety of road users, particularly as harbour bound traffic will no longer cross the John Ross Highway.

This would reduce safety risks when transporting all goods including solid and liquid metal between smelters and the harbour. The interchange shall include a three-lane overpass over P496, a permanent slip lane from the P496 eastbound carriageway onto the West Central Arterial (WCA), the permanent opening of an over-height bypass lane from the WCA onto the P496 westbound carriageway.

John Ross Highway is the busiest road leading to the port of Richards Bay with more than 20000 vehicles a day and the Department is currently upgrading the road.

Details:

Date : 11 July 2011

Venue: 9 West Central Arterial over the road from Hillside Smelter

Time : 11h00

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