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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA

MEDIA ALERT

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 12 OCTOBER 2011

MEC MCHUNU TO OFFICIATE THE SOD TURNING OF JIYANE RIVER BRIDGE

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu will tomorrow (13 October 2011) attend the official sod turning for the Jiyane River bridge.

The Jiyane River Bridge over the Buffalo (Umzinyathi) River will be constructed in the Amajuba District Municipality, under the eMalangeneni Traditional Council and the iNkosi Nkosi. It will serve the Dannhauser Local Municipality and have approximately eighty five (85) meters. The bridge will create an all weather access route from the community residing on the northern side to Ekuhlakanipheni School and crèche on the southern side of the river.

The bridge will also link the large number of people residing on the north with a bus service that terminates at Ekuhlakanipheni School. A clinic is also located 7km from the school and will be easily accessible by bus. This bridge will be constructed at an estimated cost of R30 million, creating approximately 45 local job opportunities. The bridge will also provide a short cut to Utrecht and Vryheid. This will reduce the distance by 20km. The bridge will link P296 and P240 (Waterfall Prison) by a 7km surfaced road costing R25 million.

The MEC is expected to be accompanied by the local and district mayors, representatives from the Road Accident Fund, Community Road Safety Councils and the community of Dannhauser.

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Details of the Sod Turning

Date: 13 October 2011

Venue: Spookmill Sports Field

Time: 09h00

Media is invited to attend

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