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## MEDIA LIAISON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

## **MEDIA UPDATE**

TO : ALL MEDIA DATE : 25 June 2013

ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

## MEC MCHUNU TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH THE PEOPLE OF KWANONGOMA TO END FACTION FIGHTS

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, will engage in a dialogue with the community of KwaNongoma tomorrow (Wednesday, 26-06-2013), in an effort to end faction fights that have claimed lives of several people.

The area of KwaNongoma is engulfed by tensions and fighting between two families, the Buthelezi and Sibiya families. However this has now escalated into a full-scale faction fight, resulting in murder and disruption of the social life of the locals, including schooling.

More than 18 people have been killed now and a recent incident happened last week, where three people were killed in and around KwaNongoma. Ms Zanele Mncube (a 30-year old female) residing at Ekubuseni in the Vuna area was gunned down by two unknown gunmen who knocked at her house at 07h30. This is believed to be linked to the on-going fighting.

Recently Mchunu visited the area to engage the two warring families but is concerned that the area seems to not be stabilizing.

Mchunu will also attend to service delivery issues in the area. He will do a sod turning of the Vuna Bridge and then assess other projects in the area.

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The Vuna vehicle bridge will assist the local residents to obtain easy access across the river to surrounding economies. It will also help school children when travelling to and from school by shortening the distance.

It will increase traffic flows and create job opportunities to local residents who are unemployed, thus contributing to eradicating poverty in this rural community.

## **Details of the Sod turning**

**DATE:** 26 June 2013

VENUE: Evuna (Ekubuseni) near the tuck-shop KwaMdlalose

TIME : 09:00

Media are welcome to attend

Ends

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