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## MEDIA LIAISON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

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### MEDIA UPDATE

TO: ALL MEDIA  
DATE: 17 July 2013  
ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/ REPORTERS AND PR WIRES

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### MEC MCHUNU TO OFFICIATE THE OPENING OF SAHLUMBE TUGELA RIVER VEHICLE BRIDGE

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu will officially open the Sahlumbe Tugela River Bridge at KwaNomoya, KwaGudliqe in Sahlumbe outside Ladysmith Friday (19/07/2013).

This infrastructure project is one of many projects that the provincial Department of Transport has embarked on in improving the lives of the people, particularly those in rural areas.

This project which costs approximately R24,5 million, has brought hope to the people of Sahlumbe, which is situated in the Uthukela District Municipality, as it forms part of the greater infrastructure network that links people to important amenities and also makes them active participants in the economy of the province. The bridge is 135 metres in length.

This bridge is set to provide access to public transport for people residing on the north of the river and will assist the communities of Nomoya and Mbango areas in accessing each other as well as other amenities like the Sahlumbe Clinic, which offers medical care to residents of Sahlumbe and the surrounding areas.

This bridge will further assist approximately 200 scholars crossing the river to access Thuthukani Primary School and Sahlumbe High School, and it further provides access to SASSA and other important amenities.

It is reported that since the year 2000, seven children have drowned trying to cross the river going to school. The bridge also provides a link between district road D1275 to the main road P280 on the south of Tugela River.

**DETAILS OF THE EVENT:**

**Date : 19 July 2013**

**Venue : KwaNomoya, KwaGudliqele in Sahlumbe**

**Time : 09h00 A.M**

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