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### MEDIA STATEMENT DATED 1 MAY 2014

#### **KWAZULU-NATAL GOVERNMENT UNVEILS R424 MILLION NONGOMA TO MKHUZE ROAD UPGRADE**

The KwaZulu-Natal provincial government today unveiled a **R424 million investment into the upgrade from gravel to tar of 47 kilometres** long P-234 main road, **connecting Nongoma and Mkhuze** towns.

This upgrade, announced on Workers' Day, by the provincial Department of Transport will create more than **1 100 job opportunities** for to local people.

Speaking at the launch event, KwaZulu-Natal Premier, Mr. Senzo Mchunu, together with the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, said the upgrade marked a major development for the people in these towns. They were also accompanied by MEC for Education, Ms. Peggy Nkonyeni and MEC for Public Works and Human Settlement, Mr. Ravi Pillay.

Addressing a packed community in KwaNongoma, Ward-5 in KwaMandlakazi, Premier Mchunu, said this investment will further boost the economy of the local municipality and the Zululand and uMkhanyakude districts.

"This is part of a good story to be told. Indeed this government has delivered over the past 10 years in this province. In the last five years, we have focused on improving rural communities. This road will also lead to new local economic development opportunities," said Mchunu.

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MEC Willie Mchunu said: "This road adds to already growing network of local roads, connecting to major national routes and corridors. Importantly, it is a practical testimony to our commitment in the last five years to uplifting rural and small town communities including in Zululand, with citizens soon to enjoy easy access to amenities such as schools, clinics, taxi ranks and towns."

"In addition, our focus on road infrastructure investment of more than R424 million in this project serves as a strong commitment to continuing to change people's lives for the better," said Mchunu.

The Department of Transport in KwaZulu-Natal has invested more than **R1.2 billion over the past five years, constructing and maintaining road infrastructure projects in Zululand.** In the **financial year 2014/15 more than R387 million** has been earmarked for the construction of new roads and bridges in the district.

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