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MEC WILLIES MCHUNU LAUNCHES R75 MILLION MONDLO, VRYHEID ACCESS ROADS

MONDLO - **The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu,** launched the construction of eight access (township) roads to the value of R75 million in eMondlo, near Vryheid, in the Abaqulusi Local Municipality, today.

The eMondlo roads will link the community to main roads P-258 and P-463 and various communities in the surrounding towns.

Speaking at the event, Mchunu said: **"For a long time this community has waited patiently for these roads and I would like to thank you for your patience. These roads will generate about 100 job opportunities for the local people and link members of the community to critical amenities such as schools, areas of work and towns,"** he said.

He added that the construction of the eight roads - uMatshotshomba, uMondlo, Nkotleni, Khondlo (a), Khondlo (b), Mcozi, Duma Street and Kwabalele - testified to government's commitment to developing underdeveloped rural and township areas.

All members of the community especially learners attending schools including Khondlo, iKhethelo, Khethukuthula, Nkande, Sithandene, Mondlo, Thabani, Velankosi, will benefit.

Mchunu said the Department of Transport was already building or had built the iMfolozi eMnyama (in Zwathi); P-49-2 (from Ngome to Nongoma); Lenjane river bridge (P-47, Vryheid to Melmoth); P-258 (Mondlo to Nquthu); and Nkolongwane pedestrian bridge (KwaKhambi).

In the Zululand District, the department has invested R874 million in the last few years. An additional R573 million will be invested in the 2014-2016 financial years.

Last month, the department opened the Mondlo public transport facility (rank) that was built for R20 million, and distributed 670 bicycles for learners in schools in the Zululand District Municipality.

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