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ATTENTION: Editors, News Editors & PR Wires

MEC MCHUNU TO HAND OVER 52 GRADER MACHINES TO UPGRADE QUALITY OF ROADS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES AND DRIVE JOB CREATION

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu will close the 2015 October Transport Month, on Friday (30 October 2015), by handing over 52 graders that have been procured to improve rural roads in the province.

The Department of Transport is responsible for managing the provincial road network most of which is gravel in rural communities.

The 52 new graders will be allocated to the department's offices across the province to speed up the construction and maintenance of gravel roads and improve access in poor communities.

Through the purchasing of the graders from Bell Equipment, which is a local manufacturing company, more jobs will be created. New drivers have also been absorbed by the Department as part of creating new jobs and have received thorough training.

MEC Mchunu will officiate the handover together with uMgungundlovu District and uMsunduzi Local municipalities' leadership, Amakhosi and Rural Road Transport Forums.

Details of the hand over are as follows:

Date : 30 October 2015 (Friday)

Venue : DoT Mountain Rise Office - Pietermaritzburg

Time : 08h30

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