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MEDIA ALERT

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**PREMIER ZIKALALA TO LAUNCH A MULTI-MILLION RAND ROAD
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT AS PART OF THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN
AND JOB CREATION IN NDWEDWE**

As part of government's Covid-19 Economic Recovery Strategy, the KwaZulu-Natal Premier, Sihle Zikalala together with the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Ntuli, will preside over the launch of a R292 million road construction project which will benefit the community of Ndwedwe under iLembe District Municipality.

The construction of P714 will unlock economic opportunities for the rural community of Ndwedwe and will create much needed jobs. This massive development which has been described as a game changer, will transform the lives of people in Ndwedwe and the Greater iLembe District.

Phase two of this project will see more than 550 jobs created and the transfer of skills to emerging local contractors. The beneficiaries include local designated groups such as youth, women, people living with disability and Military Veterans.

The first six kilometres of this road has been upgraded from gravel to tar. In total P714 spans 37.1 kilometres and the estimated project value upon completion is R747 million.

This road will improve agricultural trade, create connectivity to Ndwedwe and areas such as uThongathi, Bhamshela and KwaMaphumulo. Importantly, this road will connect the community of Ndwedwe to essential services such as schools, clinics, hospitals and public transport facilities.

Members of the media are invited to cover the programme.

Details for the contractor hand-over programme are as follows:

Date : Saturday, 07 November 2020

Venue : Sonkombo Sports Ground, Ndwedwe Local Municipality
Time : 11h00

For media Planning: Premier Zikalala will start by attending a Multi-Disciplinary Roadblock at the intersection of R102 and P100 at 09h00, then proceed to conduct an unannounced visit at Ndwedwe Police Station at 10h00.

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