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## **Media Advisory**

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## MEC NKONYENI ROLLS OUT A NATIONAL VALAZONKE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME TO ADDRESS POTHOLES ON PROVINCIAL ROADS

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni will on Monday (08 August 2022) launch Operation Valazonke, which is a national comprehensive programme developed by the National Department of Transport to address potholes across all spheres of government. This pothole repair project will bring about improved infrastructure and safer roads.

While SANRAL remains the custodian of the national road network they will lead the implementation of Operation Valazonke working alongside provinces and local municipalities. This national programme will complement the provincial programme named Operation Vala'mapothole that was launched by MEC Nkonyeni earlier this year.

MEC Nkonyeni will be accompanied by local leadership and senior managers from both the KZN Department of Transport and SANRAL.

On the exact same day and time, the Minister of the Department of Transport, Mr. Fikile Mbalula, will also launch the National Operation Vala Zonke in Gauteng.

MEC Nkonyeni is also expected to launch Vukayibambe Routine Road Maintenance in the District of Zululand. This programme is aimed at training and skilling young people in doing minor repairs and road maintenance; this includes pothole patching, road marking, grass cutting and other related activities.

The details are as follows:

Date: 08 August 2022

Venue: Dabedabe Park - Vryheid (Abaqulusi Local Municipality)

Time: 09H00

Ends.

Media is invited to attend and report on the service.

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