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KZN DOT TO LAUNCH A R300 MILLION ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF UMDONI UNDER UGU DISTRICT

As part of the massive roll-out of critical infrastructure and honouring the commitments to the people of KwaZulu-Natal, the Department of Transport will tomorrow (Monday, 30 January 2023) launch the construction of a R300 million road upgrade project in Dududu.

The contract for upgrading main road P77 linking Scottburgh under uGu and the Harry Gwala districts will be a relief to the community and will boost local economic activities. The road will be upgraded from gravel to tar.

The first 17 kilometres of the road is surfaced and the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka, will be launching the second phase, which is 10 new kilometres.

This main road will connect the community of uMdoni Local Municipality with important amenities such as schools, clinics, public transport and other business opportunities. The ten kilometres will connect two traditional councils, which are the Zembeni and Bele traditional councils.

Commenting on news of this development, MEC Hlomuka, said government has identified infrastructure as a catalytic game changer in improving the economy and creating much needed jobs.

"Road infrastructure is very essential in driving economic growth, job creation and in restoring the dignity of our people. P77 is very strategic and we are excited that as government we have been able to honour the commitment that we made to the people of uMdoni and uGu district. As government we are rolling out massive infrastructure programmes to build, rehabilitate and maintain roads and bridges. After the floods there is more need to act with speed and urgency to improve our infrastructure," said Hlomuka.

The details for the contract handing over are as follows:

Date : 30 January 2023 (Monday)

Time : 11h00

Venue : Phindavele Sports ground, Ward 3 uMdoni Local Municipality

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