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Yellow Fleet procured for rural roads and road infrastructure as an immediate response to King Misuzulu's guidance

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We cannot afford to relax when there are clear guidelines on what we need to do for the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

As is public knowledge last week, on Thursday, we met with ISILO Samabandla, King Misuzulu kaZwelithini.

He called on us to accelerate the construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation of roads in rural areas.

The King insisted that we must speed up the construction of decent houses and ensure access to warm homes that we build for his people.

As the department, we are accordingly responding with a high sense of urgency and as guided by the King.

We have procured a yellow fleet that will be in communities maintaining and constructing roads.

We are currently responsible for over 34 000 kilometers of road network.

And this number is now increasing rapidly.

The yellow fleet, high-tech trucks, and dedicated workers will be in every corner of the province constructing roads and fixing potholes.

We are already intensifying Operation Siyahhlola and inspecting unfinished and stalled construction projects.

As discussed with the King, we are visiting roads that were promised or initiated during the era of all our previous MECs to provide critical interventions.

We met with Inkosi Biyela of KwaSanguye (Yanguye) in Melmoth under Umthonjaneni.

We discussed the construction of P253, which was promised by former MEC Sbu Ndebele in 1994. At the same time, Inkosi Mbangiseni Dlomo of Emakhabeleni in Inkandla was in attendance.

Finally, we are determined to end the prolonged construction of roads, including early terminations for contractors who cannot finish projects.



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We are quickly exploring the cutting-edge technology that will serve as a dashboard application.

We want to have our fingers on the pulse, and at the press of a button we will have a bird's-eye view of various projects' stages.

We want to know which ones are progressing well and which ones are having challenges so that we intervene quickly.

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