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SUBJECT : PARTNERING TO ERADICATE POTHoles AND BUILD SCHOOLS FOR THE PROVINCE.

The MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule, the MEC for Public Works, Roads and Transport, Ms Dikeledi Mahlangu and the Executive Mayor of Emakhazeni Local Municipality, Cllr Xolani Sydney Ngwenya will participate in patching of potholes in the local municipality and later attend a Sod turning Ceremony for Emakhazeni Boarding School.

The two MEC's together with the Executive Mayor and officials from the two departments will commence the day by patching a stretch of road that is affected by potholes which is Butana Jele Street in Machardodorp.

Later on the day, the entourage will then proceed to Entokozweni ward 6 (Machardodorp) en-route to Badplaas to conduct a Sod turning ceremony. Emakhazeni Boarding School is a fully fledged infrastructure consisting of the following:

24 Classrooms including integrated walkways, an Administration Block, 35 Toilets, Computer Center, Library Block, Science Laboratory, Guard House, Refuse Area, Kitchen, Dining Hall, Water, Sewer, Electrical Bulk infrastructure, Fencing, Paving, Parking Facilities, 3 Sports Facilities including Toilets and Change Rooms, Land Scarping, Ramps and Rails, Grade R and 8 Boys and Girls Sleeping Units.

The building of the boarding is in line with the pronouncement by the Premier of Mpumalanga, Mr David Mabuza during his State of the Province Address on 24 February 2012 when he said:

"We have made progress in providing access to quality education to learners living on the farms and poverty-stricken areas.

In this regard, we have established two boarding schools in Mkhondo and Nkomazi municipalities. Both schools opened doors for learning in January this year.

We have seen the eradication of mud and unsafe structures and accelerated the upgrading of schools to ensure that centres of learning are brought to the minimum level of functionality in terms of infrastructure.

We have invested in all these key measures to ensure we create an enabling environment for the continuous improvement of education outcomes.”

To further deliver on this endeavour, the Mpumalanga Department of Education has set aside R 250 million for the construction of Emakhazeni Boarding School. The construction of the boarding school is expected to be completed around April 2014.

The media is therefore invited to the event planned as follows.

Event 1 : Patching of potholes
Date : 23 April 2013
Time : 08H30
Venue: Butana Jele Street: Machardodorp

Event 2 : Sod turning Ceremony
Date : 23 April 2013
Time : 10H00
Venue : Entokozweni (Machardodorp) ward 6, Emakhazeni Municipality (En-route to Badplaas).

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