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MEDIA ALERT

ILEMBE COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM QUALITY HEALTHCARE SERVICES AS KZN PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MEC HANDS OVER SITE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE FACILITY

Tomorrow, 1 September, the MEC for the KZN Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Martin Meyer, will officially hand over a site to the appointed contractor for the construction of a R148 million facility to provide mental health services. The handover will mark the beginning of construction of the 28 bed facility for local patients. This is expected to be a project that will be carried out and completed over the next 24 months.

The project is essential as it will act as a training site for all categories of mental healthcare. This means it will reduce the number of mental healthcare users treated in the medical wards. It will further provide differentiation between acute and medium to long-term beds in the unit. Overall, it is expected to improve services at the facility and in the district.

Ahead of the expected handover taking place tomorrow, MEC Meyer expresses the utmost confidence that the Department of KZN Public Works and Infrastructure will deliver this project on time and within budget and to the highest quality of standard.

This is as the Department has embarked on an intensive turnaround for projects that were previously delivered in a substandard manner, which often included health Department projects.

Members of the media are invited to attend the handover and there will be opportunities for photographs and interviews.

Details of the handover as follows:

Date: 1 September

Time: 1pm

Venue: Stanger Hospital (Coner of King Shaka & Paterson Street, Stanger, KwaDukuza, 4449)

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