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Media Statement

Attention: News Editors/Journalist

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A safe space for passengers in a state-of the-art-facility in Mzimkhulu.

The rural people of Mzimkhulu town, in Harry Gwala District Municipality, saw an opening of a state of the art facility Mzimkhulu Integrated Public Transport (Bus holding area), which there will now use.

MEC for Transport in KwaZulu-Natal, Ms Peggy Nkonyeni, Harry Gwala Mayor Cllr Zamo Nxumalo, Mzimkhulu Mayor Cllr B. Mpabanga and others, officially opened the facility today.

At the event Mayor Nxumalo said: "We really appreciate such a facility which will be a pilot project thru out KZN. This project took a long time, preparing and making sure that it look like this today. The rural community of Mzimkhulu will now enjoy a safe environment for their public transport," said Nxumalo.

The high-technology, advanced transport facility will host local and long distance taxis.

The facility will be commuter-friendly and the largest public transport facility for the district. It has offices spaces, bathrooms and workshops for taxis. The facility has easy access to the public and closer to the shops and garages in the area.

Disabled commuters ease of access will also be catered for throughout the facility, there are also toilet designated for disabled people.

There is a good lighting and wide corridors ensure that the facility is designed to be safe and attractive.

The security of the facility will managed the flow of taxis coming in and out. When packed, other taxi will park on the over flow parking.

Only vehicles that have the correct operating licences and vehicle fitness certificates will be allowed to operate in the facility.

Santaco was part of the officially opening of this facility.

Santaco officials said there were very pleased with such an amazing facility to do their work in.

Santaco held aerobics activity in this newly built facility.

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