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TRUCK STOP CLINIC AND WELLNESS CENTRE

The department of health has moved into top gear in its campaign to bring healthcare services to truck drivers and sex workers. The Provincial Department of Health has joined hands with the Learning Clinic and transport company Imperial Logistics to make healthcare accessible to those who are constantly on the road. Through this partnership we are ensuring that access to healthcare is not just confined to our hospitals, clinics and community health centres.

Through the same partnership a Roadside Wellness clinic was opened in 2003 at the Tugela Plaza along the N3. The clinic is a haven for caters truckers and sex workers. It provides treatment for Sexually Transmitted Infections and other ailments.

Due to the success of the first clinic and increased demand for similar services, Provincial Health MEC Ms Peggy Nkonyeni will on Tuesday, 23 November 2004 open the second clinic in Mooiriver. The clinic will have a nurse and a lay counsellor and medication will be dispensed. Truckers and sex workers will also get free condoms, advice and counseling, which are cornerstones in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS.

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Details of the opening are as follows:

VENUE: Mooiriver Toll Plaza

TIME: 11H00

DATE: 23 NOVEMBER 2004 (Tuesday)

Transport is available from Durban for journalists who need it.

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