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THE KZN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LEADS A REVOLUTION IN HOSPITAL CATERING

In a move that is the first of its kind in the country, the KZN Department of Health will tomorrow unveil a multi-million rand empowerment project that will see hospital catering being handed over to emerging BEE caterers in the province. The project, which is being run with the full co-operation of all stakeholders, is sure to revolutionize the catering industry in the Province and cause major excitement among KZN emerging catering SMMEs, many of whom never graduate beyond catering for small functions.

Currently only a few major catering companies are preparing meals everyday for the department's institutions and the department would like to open this up to SMMEs in a move that is in line with the department's goal of fighting poverty, fighting disease and giving hope to the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

The Department is currently engaged in a programme that will ensure that there is proper transfer of skills and mentoring to the successful emerging contractors. This is aimed at ensuring the success of this project and efficient service delivery.

Health MEC Peggy Nkonyeni will unveil this groundbreaking programme in a briefing session and dinner planned as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 21 November 2006

Venue: Seminar Suite 1, 3rd Floor Main Building, Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital, Cato Manor, Durban

Time: 18h30

Journalists are invited to attend the briefing session and to report on the programme. Transport to and from Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital is available.

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