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PRESS STATEMENT

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DUMPING OF CONDOMS IN THE INANDA AREA

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health was awakened by calls from the media about dumped condoms in the Inanda area on the 14th October 2007.

This followed the discovery of dumped condoms by the MEC for Agriculture and Environmental Affairs, Mr. Mtholephi Mthimkhulu. The Provincial and District teams of the Department of Health staff dispatched to check these allegations discovered that indeed this was true. Samples of these have been sent to the National Office to trace their area of origin. A criminal case was also opened with the SAPS in the area as this was viewed by the department as illegal dumping.

Our investigations have revealed that the company that produced these is Kohrs Medical and these condoms were supposedly supplied to the Queenstown Aids Training Information and Campaign Centre (ATIC) in the Eastern Cape. It is yet unclear how these condoms ended up in Inanda.

Another batch was found in the Isipingo area on the 15th October 2007 and it was established that these were from the company called Juel Health which is another supplier of condoms among the seven that the National Department of Health had contracted.

The department is concerned with the emerging trend of illegal dumping of condoms we believe that this is as a result of the crack down by the department of Health on the quality standards of all from suppliers contracted to the department. We are going to engage the SAPS through our Risk Management Directorate so that the perpetrators are brought to book.

We want to reassure the general public that we are doing all our best to ensure that condoms that do not meet the required quality standards are not distributed to the public. We will also crack down on the scrupulous suppliers who want to rob the department by providing below standards products.

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