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MEC FOR HEALTH, MS NELISWA NKONYENI, TO ADDRESS THE COMMUNITY OF EMADUNGENI ON ORAL HEALTH AND DENTAL HYGIENE

The MEC for Health in KwaZulu-Natal, Ms Neliswa Nkonyeni will be visiting the community of Sisonke, at Emadungeni; under iNkosi Chiliza, as part of the Department of Health's Oral Health and Dental Hygiene Awareness Campaign on the 4th August 2007.

This campaign is part of the Healthy Lifestyle Road shows that the MEC conducts from time to time. The theme this year is: "*A Healthy Mouth for a Healthy Lifestyle*".

The MEC will include in her message that; "Dental decay is the most common chronic disease of childhood, affecting 50 percent of children by middle childhood and nearly 70 percent by late adolescence. Luckily, early childhood gum and dental diseases are easily prevented by instilling a proper oral hygiene routine at an early age."

"Mouth and throat diseases, which range from cavities to cancer, cause pain and disability for millions of people. This fact is disturbing because almost all oral diseases can be prevented."

Journalists are therefore invited to attend and report on this important campaign. The details are as follows;

Date : 04 August 2007 (Saturday)

Time : 09h30

Venue: Emadungeni Tribal Court
Sisonke District

[Transport to the venue is available for journalists departing from Durban Play House (Smith Street)]

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