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## **MEDIA ALERT**

**DATE: Friday, 13 July 2018**

**TO: All Media**

**ATTENTION: News Editors / Transport Reporters / All Reporters**

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## **TRANSPORT DEPUTY MINISTER BRINGS RELIEF TO ENKOVUKENI COMMUNITY**

KwaZulu-Natal – Deputy Minister of Transport, Ms Sindisiwe Chikunga, will hand over three engine boats to the community of Enkovukeni in Umhlabauyalingana, north of KwaZulu-Natal on Monday, 16 July 2018.

The initiative is a second phase of the Umhlabauyalingana Outreach Programme which was launched in September 2016 by the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA). The goal of the project is to bring relief to the island community of Enkovukeni.

Enkovukeni is a thin 5km strip of land, practically an island, stretching from Bhangana Neck to Kosi Bay Mouth with the Indian Ocean on one side and the Kosi Bay lake system on the other. The community has to cross the Enkovukeni Dam by foot to access the neighbouring inland communities for essential services such as schools, health care facilities, post and Home Affairs offices.

The deputy Minister Chikunga donated one boat during the first phase of the programme in 2016. Three more boats that she will hand over will increase the number of engine boats servicing the community to four and this will make travelling to the neighbouring inland communities much easier for the community of 157 people.

Below are the details of the programme:

Date: Monday, 16 July 2018

Time: 11h00-14h00

Venue: Enkovukeni Dam situated next to Mazambane Primary School,  
Umkhanyakude District Municipality

Members of the media attending the event are requested to confirm their attendance with Mr Motlatsi Lebea on 073 32 39 333 or lebeam@dot.gov.za

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