

**ADDRESS BY MAYOR MABENGU ON THE OCCASION OF THE HAND OVER OF BUMBENI ACCESS ROAD IN WARD 21, MOUNT FRERE ON 11 FEBRUARY 2011.**

Programme Director

Councillors

Distinguished Guests

Ladies & Gentlemen

I greet you all this morning in the name of Umzimvubu Local Municipality.

Last week I was at Ward 18 together with my colleagues in Council where we officially handed over an eight kilometer access road.

Such a project was funded to a total cost of R1, 9m.

Today we are here at Tholeni to hand over another access road constructed by our own municipality.

It is my pleasure to report that the road we are formally releasing to you today, was constructed at a total cost of R1, 1m.

The extent of the road is 3.1 kilometers. Construction took 5 months with effect from 26 April 2010 to 26 October 2010.

We are also pleased to report that 38 local people got employed during the construction period. Out of this 38, there were 33 young people and five male adults.

I have no doubt that this project will change your lives for the better.

Lastly, I want to tell you that we have electrified 1006 households in this same ward at Qunubeni, Qoqa, Bislani and Zibokwana.

A similar ceremony will take place there this afternoon as soon as we leave you here.

We know for a fact that this is not enough but you must know that Jerusalem was not built over one night.

With those few words I want to declare the Bumbeni Access Road officially handed over to the Tholeni Community.

I THANK YOU