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PUBLIC WORKS MEC CHRISTIAN MARTIN LAUNCHES A RENOVATION SCHOOL PROJECT TO THE VALUE OF R195 MILLION

Eastern Cape Public Works MEC Christian Martin, will tomorrow launch a School Renovation Project to the value of R195 million, which involves 13 schools within the Cacadu Region. These schools need urgent maintenance repairs to ceilings, plumbing, fencing etc.

The project is a partnership between the Eastern Cape Departments of Education and Public Works. The project will be launch at the Frank Joubert Primary School in Port Elizabeth. All these schools, excluding Nonzwakazi Primary (Somerset East), Sea Vista Primary (Cape St Francis) and Hankey Primary are in the greater Port Elizabeth area.

The other schools are: G J Louw Primary, Dietrich Primary, Soweto on Sea Primary, Motherwell High, Kuyga Primary, Colleen Glen Primary, Rufane Donkin Primary, Sea Vista Primary, Solomon Mahlangu High and Booysen Park High.
The renovations at Frank Joubert cost R11 million and will be completed in October 2009. The scope of work entails the conversion of certain rooms for other required usage and the repairs and renovations on the fence.

Apart from the work opportunities for the contractor and the permanent skilled labourers there is also the community. The contractor has to employ the local community (mainly as unskilled labour). A total of 20 skilled and 10 unskilled work opportunities will be created at Frank Joubert. There are two streams of learners targeted with this initiative:

**Trainees at FET colleges:**

Public Works will assist with names of trainees in the region that seeks employment opportunities. These names will be provided to the contractor and the contractor will then employ these learners. Through this initiative, they will gain the necessary experience required as part of their training.

**Student (learners) in the Built Environment at universities/ Technikon’s:**

There is also an opportunity for students in the built environment to be employed by the professionals responsible for this project; which is a requirement of their appointment.

**Date:** Friday, 30 January 2008  
**Time:** 11h00  
**Venue:** Frank Joubert Primary School, High Field Road, Shauderville, Port Elizabeth  

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