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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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NINE PEOPLE KILLED AT A HORROR CRASH AT KRANSKOP

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison sends his deepest condolences to the families of the road crash which happened at Kranskop.

The crash involved a bakkie which was coming out of the gravel road site to join R74 which is 45km out of Greytown. Upon impact eight people were killed at the scene including a child and four were taken to Ntunjambili Hospital. The driver of the truck sustained injuries and the SAPS are not sure if the driver of the bakkie was amongst the deceased.

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Preliminary reports have revealed that due to the rain and the mist they had at that area, the driver of the bakkie did not see the truck coming and he drove underneath the trailer. The SAPS are investigating and they will be opening nine count of culpable homicide case. The names of the deceased have not been released yet, waiting for the next of kin to be notified.

“We urge all motorists to be more careful particularly on rainy weather. The KwaZulu Natal Department of Transport will be hosting a memorial service in memory of the deceased” Cele said. The MEC and the members of transport portfolio committee will be visiting the survivors at the Ntunjambili hospital at 9am tomorrow-Tuesday (25/09/2007).

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