



## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **VAN REENEN PASS CRASH CLAIMS FIVE LIVES**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele expressed his deepest shock after five people were killed in a horrible accident involving VW golf and a Toyota along N3 in Van Reenen Pass yesterday afternoon (04/05/08).

Preliminary report received reveals that the VW golf from KZN Province was travelling on the South bound of N3 while the Toyota from Mpumalanga Province was on the north bound where the head on collision occurred, and upon impact four were killed on the scene and one later died in hospital. It is alleged that the driver of the VW golf was driving alone and the other passengers were from the Toyota. One passenger from the Toyota is in a critical condition in hospital.

At this stage the course of the collusion is unknown and the SAPS are investigating and have opened a case of culpable homicide.

**“I wish to express my deepest condolences families and friends of those who lost their lives in this horrific accident. We will continue to enforce the law on our roads, however the public as well as the motorists should also make some progress in ensuring that the law is adhered to at all times to avoid such unfortunate accidents which kills bread-winners and future leaders ,” said Cele.**

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