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STATEMENT REGARDING COURT DECISION ON ROADLINK

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has welcomed the court decision granted in favour of SA Roadlink in their court application to uplift the moratorium to operate in KwaZulu-Natal. This follows a decision to withdraw all the concurrencies of SA Roadlink in the province of KwaZulu-Natal.

The operation of the moratorium imposed by the province of KwaZulu-Natal on SA Roadlink, which should have taken effect at 12h00 midnight (19/12/2008), has been suspended by Court order until the court makes a determination on whether or not such moratorium is to take effect or be set aside. In these circumstances SA RoadLink will continue to trade in KZN until the court determines the matter finally.

"As the Department of Transport we respect and abide by the decision of the court of law and we fully understand that SA Roadlink will operate under the mercy of the court order. The provincial government will continue to pursue all legal avenues available to it to ensure that the carnage on our roads is confronted head-on through comprehensive enforcement", said Cele.

"Our law enforcement operations will be vigorously intensified and will target all public transport operators particularly luxury buses. As government we shall continue to serve the interest of the people by ensuring that we provide a public transport system that is safe, reliable, effective and efficient and furthermore keep to the ideals of defending the weak," Cele concluded.

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