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### **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **SEVEN KILLED IN A GRUESOME ACCIDENT AT KWAMASHU**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has expressed his deepest shock and condolences to the families of seven victims killed in a gruesome accident at KwaMashu this afternoon (09/10/08).

Preliminary reports reveal that the mini bus was traveling on the M25 Duffs Road when it collided head-on with another mini bus traveling in the opposite direction killing seven people instantly upon impact. Seven victims were seriously injured, one critically injured and three sustained minor injuries. All the victims were taken to Mahatma Gandhi hospital. The cause of the accident is unknown at this stage and is pending police investigation; however rainy weather conditions and driver error as possible motives cannot be ruled out.

"I wish to express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families and friends of those who have lost their lives in this horrific accident, however we urge all motorists to be extra careful on roads and especially during bad weather to avoid such painful deaths," said Cele.

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