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4 KILLED AND 8 CRITICALLY INJURED IN A MINIBUS ACCIDENT

Acting MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Dr. Sibongiseni Dhlomo sends his heartfelt condolences to the families of the four passengers who were killed in a minibus accident that occurred yesterday (30/11/2010) in Zululand.

Preliminary reports reveal that the driver of the minibus which was travelling from Nongoma to Kwa Denge lost control of his vehicle on a bend and it overturned, leaving four (4) people dead and eight (8) in a very critical condition. The surviving passengers were sent to Benedictine hospital to receive medical attention and the driver of the vehicle is alleged to have fled the scene of accident. A docket with four counts of culpable homicide has been opened and the police are investigating the matter. The Head of Department Mr. Chris Hlabisa and MEC Dhlomo will today (01/12/2010) at 16h00 visit the surviving passengers in hospital. All media is invited to this visit.

“On behalf of the Department and the provincial government, I wish to send my heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who lost their lives in this gruesome accident and also wish those in hospital a speedy recovery. The festive season is on our door step and we urge all road users to comply with all the rules of the road. Our festive season campaign will be launched on Sunday (05/11/2010) at Mega City - Umlazi and our

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officers will be out in numbers to deal with lawbreakers throughout the holiday season and beyond,” said Dhlomo.

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