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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA

MEDIA STATEMENT

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ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRES

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ACCIDENT CLAIMS FIVE LIVES

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu has expressed his sadness on the accident that occurred Mdday today **(08/10/10)** involving a Minibus Taxi.

On the P702 gravel Road Mahlabatini in Phoqukhalo area a Minibus Taxi travelling from Ulundi Plaza heading towards Okhukhe killed five people - two male adults and three female adults on scene, and nine people were seriously injured. It is alleged that the driver of the Minibus Taxi lost control of the vehicle causing it to overturn on a bend due to brake failure.

“I urge all motorists to exercise patience on the roads and to check their vehicles regularly and to always abide by the rules of the road in order to curb such accidents. I extend my deepest and most sincere condolences to the families of the deceased and wish the survivors of the accident a speedy recovery. Our department is committed to reducing road accidents; it is one of our primary objectives as a Department and we will work tirelessly to achieve this objective!” said Mchunu.

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