MEDIA STATEMENT

TO: ALL MEDIA

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ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRES

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FIVE PEOPLE KILLED IN BABANANGO

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu has expressed his sadness on an accident that happened midday **today (12/10/2010)** when a truck driver lost control of his vehicle, which was carrying corrugated iron.

The truck driver lost control of his vehicle and collided with four road workers on road P48/R68 in Babanango. Five people died, three being females and two males. Emergency services members are still on the scene trying to extract one more entrapped body.

The MEC has expressed his shock after receiving the report of the accident. Human error accidents should not result in so many people losing their lives. I urge all motorists to exercise patience on the roads and be tolerant towards one another and to always abide by the rules of the road in order to curb such accidents. As a precautionary measure motorists are urged to drive cautiously during these adverse weather conditions. The MEC has further extended his condolences to the families of the deceased.

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