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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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ACTING MEC DHLOMO URGES MOTORISTS TO DRIVE CAREFULLY DURING THIS RAINY AND MISTY WEATHER

Acting MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison in KZN Dr. Sibongiseni Dhlomo has urged all motorists to adjust their driving habits to suit the prevailing weather conditions. The recent summer rains, coupled with mist have resulted in several road accidents across the Province, thus causing road closures-which have been a huge inconvenience for other road users.

Mist, at times with zero visibility, is currently being experienced throughout the Province and is causing accidents. Speed limits must be drastically reduced and motorists should ensure that prior to travelling, their head lamps, brake lights, rear lights and windscreen wipers are fully functional. More importantly, they should ensure that the de-mister is working, to ensure visibility and also keep a safe following distance. Amongst areas mostly affected are Nquthu, Nkandla and Ladysmith.

“The KZN Department of Transport encourages all motorists to drive with their headlamps switched on during the day in order to create visibility for the benefit of motorists and pedestrians. Drivers should increase their following distance and decrease speed as slippery roads caused by rain may cause them to lose control. Furthermore, motorists should be extra cautious as most roads have been reported damaged after these heavy rains. Whilst we will make use of all resources in the

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Province to ensure the safety of all road users, their ultimate safety lies within their own hands” said Dhlomo
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