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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## FOUR MORE VICTIMS DEAD IN LINDELANI ACCIDENT

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu sends his heartfelt condolences to the families of the other four victims who have died in hospital following the accident, which involved two minibuses in Lindelani, Durban.

Preliminary reports reveal that a minibus which was travelling towards Pinetown collided head on with another minibus which was heading towards Lindelani, leaving four people dead on the scene, one on the way to hospital and four more victims have died after receiving medical attention in Inkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital and King Edward Hospital, the fourth person being a still born. The number of the deceased has risen to nine. The driver who was travelling towards Pinetown has been charged with culpable homicide and reckless driving.

"I would like to extend my deepest and most sincere condolences to the families of the deceased. I urge all motorists to exercise patience on the roads, be tolerant towards one another and to comply with all the rules of the road. It is saddening to have to bury innocent souls due to the negligence and recklessness of careless road users. Law enforcement agencies will continue to work resolutely to bring all law breakers to book." said Mchunu.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday (07/04/2011). Details will follow.

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