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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

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### MEDIA ALERT

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### **MOTORISTS BE EXTRA CAREFUL ON THIS RAINY AND MISTY WEATHER**

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Willies Mchunu 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, 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 creating 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.

**“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. Whilst we will make use of all resources in the province to ensure the safety of all road users, their ultimate safety lies within their own hands,”** said Mchunu

**ENDS**

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