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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

**UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA**

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 07 JUNE 2011

**THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS HAS INCREASED TO SEVEN IN THE PONGOLA ACCIDENT**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu sends his deepest condolences to the family and friends of one more victim who died yesterday in Tshelejuba Hospital after the accident that claimed six lives in Pongola on Sunday (05/06/11) on the N2 between Phongolo and Piet Retief, taking the total number of victims to seven.

It is alleged that VW Polo collided head-on with a minibus taxi on Sivele Bridge. Five people died on the scene while two died in hospital. Other occupants who were critical were taken to Tshelejuba Hospital.

MEC Mchunu will attend a memorial service of the seven victims killed in the accident on Thursday (09/06/2011). This is Government's way of showing that they care for the people. The families of the victims will be assisted through different services including the Road Accident Fund.

The details are as follows:

**VENUE: Dingukwazi High School Sports Ground**

**DATE: 09/06/11 (Thursday)**

**TIME: 09h00**

**ENDS**

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