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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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MEDIA ALERT

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ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/ EDITORS AND PR WIRES

KZNDOT WARNS MOTORISTS BE CAUTIOUS DURING THIS RAINY WEATHER

KZN Department of Transport has issued a stern warning to all motorists to be cautious in this rainy weather. Motorists are urged to adjust their driving habits to suit this prevailing weather conditions.

Reports have revealed that this weather is expected to continue throughout the week in Province. Mist, at times with zero visibility, is currently being experienced throughout the province and is creating inconvenience to motorists. 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.

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, the ultimate safety lies within everyone's own hands.

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