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MEDIA LIAISON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

MEDIA ADVISORY

TO : ALL MEDIA
DATE : Wednesday, 19 August 2015
ATTENTION : Editors, News Editors & PR Wires

MEC MCHUNU TO JOIN FAMILIES IN THE MEMORIAL SERVICE OF 15 BALLITO ACCIDENT VICTIMS

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, will join mourners in a mass memorial service in Groutville tomorrow (20 August 2015), with the families of the people who died in a gruesome accident on Monday that claimed 16 lives.

The accident happened on Monday (17 August 2015) at about 17h00 when a minibus taxi carrying passengers veered off the road and plummeted on the rail way line. It is alleged that the driver of the taxi lost control, hit the rail guard and landed on the railway line, resulting in the crash with a train. There were 14 people who were confirmed dead on the scene, whilst five were left critically injured - one of whom died in Stanger hospital on the same evening and the other yesterday (18 August 2015), which brought the total number of deceased to 16.

Mchunu will be joining members of the bereaved families. He will also be accompanied by the Mayors of KwaDukuza and Ilembe District, representatives of the taxi industry, Interfaith and members of the portfolio committee, amongst others.

Details of the memorial service:

Date: 20 August 2015

Time: 10h00

Venue: Groutville Sports ground

Media are invited to attend.

Details and names of the deceased are:

No.	PM No.	Deceased Name	Gender
1	408/15	Thamsanqa Terrence Mbonambi	Male
2	409/15	Nonkululeko Dlamini	Female
3	410/15	Bongiwe Virginia Ngcobo	Female
4	411/15	Phazama Thomas Mthembu	Male
5	412/15	Vumenjani Emmanuel Nzimande	Male
6	413/15	Nelisiwe E Dube	Female
7	414/15	Nelisiwe Ngcobo	Female
8	415/15	Jacob Mhlongo	Male
9	416/15	Lindelani Msebeni	Male

10	417/15	Lindani Xulu	Male
11	418/15	Khulekani Dlodla	Male
12	419/15	Mzokhona Khuzwayo	Male
13	420/15	Lethiwe Makhathini	Female
14	421/15	Zakhona L Dube	Female
15	422/15	Nonhlanhla Annastasia Ndlela	Female
16	424/15	Sphiwe Khambule	Male

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