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### MEDIA STATEMENT

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ATTENTION: Editors, News Editors & PR Wires

**MEC KAUNDA CAUTIONS MOTORISTS TO CONTINUE TO BE EXTRA VIGILANT ON THE ROAD AS THE ROADS ARE SLIPPERY DUE TO THE RAIN AND SNOWFALL**

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, has cautioned motorists to be extra cautious on the road in view of the heavy rains and snowfall engulfing most of the province, making the roads slippery while a few were totally closed off yesterday.

Kaunda has urged motorists to drive safely in consideration of the awkward and difficult road conditions. He has also advised that where possible motorists should look at postponing their trips.

**"In view of the continuing heavy rains, snowfall and mud slide in certain parts of the province, we urge all road users especially motorists to exercise extra vigilance to be safe. On Monday (25 July 2016) a number of national, provincial and municipal roads were congested due to crashes while others were closed off owing to snowfall and mud slide; but by last night they had all be reopened. As well, in Evatte On the South Coast / Underberg area, the mother and child who were entrapped in the snow, were helped out by our Road Traffic Inspectorate team working with local disaster team to safety. Given the continuing rainfall forecast for the entire week, we would like to urge motorists to stay cautious on the road by switching on their head lights and follow safe following distance. Where possible, motorists must consider postponing their trips. Our teams are activated to assist on many provincial roads, working with disaster management teams. We also dispatched graders to shovel the snow. Let's all be patient with one another and observe road traffic rules at all times,"** said Kaunda.

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