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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **MEC KAUNDA URGES MOTORISTS TO BE CAUTIOUS ON THE ROADS FOLLOWING A FATAL CRASH ON THE N3 NEAR PINETOWN**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda, has called upon road users to be vigilant, following a fatal crash that claimed 4 lives on the N3 near Pinetown on the PMB north-bound today (27 June 2019).

Preliminary reports reveal that driver of a taxi lost control after being obstructed by a stationary truck on the road and crashed, killing four (4) people (3 males and 1 female) on the scene. Two passengers were critically injured while the other eleven (11) sustained minor injuries. The critical passengers were airlifted to Gateway hospital and Ethekewini hospital, while other 11 passengers who sustained minor injuries were taken to various hospitals for further treatment. Further investigations to the cause of the accident will be conducted by forensic experts.

Kaunda has conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased and wished those injured a speedy recovery. "It is disheartening to learn that innocent lives have been in a crash that could have been avoided. We call upon all motorists to be extra vigilant on the roads and observe the rules", he said.

Currently, Police are investigating the cause of the crash and four counts of culpable homicide.

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