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#### **KWAZULU-NATAL GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO VISIT PHONGOLO TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED FAMILIES FOLLOWING THE DEADLY TRUCK ACCIDENT THAT CLAIMED 21 LIVES**

As part of the interventions following the N2 Phongolo crash that claimed 21 lives, government is sending a high-level delegation led by the KwaZulu-Natal Acting Premier, Ms Nomagugu Simelane to meet the bereaved families.

The team will also include the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Siphso Hlomuka, Acting MEC for Education, Ms Bongsi Sithole-Moloi and MEC for Social Development, Ms Nonhlanhla Khoza. They will be joined by senior managers of government entities, which will lead efforts to assist the affected families.

The government delegation will also attend the court proceedings in Phongolo Magistrate Court where the truck driver will be appearing after he handed himself over to the police.

The Acting Premier together with the MECs will also visit the four affected schools in the area as part of providing assistance to the learners, teachers and school governing body members, who are still experiencing shock and trauma.

Upon arrival they will be briefed by the enforcement agencies on the investigation, visit schools and engage with affected families.

The multi-disciplinary team of government will comprise of the National Department of Transport, Provincial Government, Road Accident Fund, Road Traffic Management Corporation, South African Police Services (SAPS) and Road Traffic Inspectorate.

Commenting on the visit, Acting Premier Simelane, said it is the nature of a caring government to be with the people during difficulties.

"As part of the interventions we are bringing with us all government agencies to assist with forensic investigation and to assist with social relief. The Department of Social Development working with the Department of Education will also attend to social services to assist learners and teachers in the affected schools. We will

also engage the community of Phongolo to find long lasting solutions to end such tragic incidents,” said Acting Premier Simelane.

Details for the visit:

Date: 19 September 2022

Time: 07h00

Venue: Godlwayo Thusong Centre in Phongolo

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