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### **Media Statement by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma**

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: On behalf of all categories of staff in the Department of Transport, we wish to express our deepest condolences to the families of the nine family members who died in a separate road accidents last weekend.

A report from the Road Transport Inspectorate (RTI) indicates that two major accidents occurred on the R74 in Kranskop and on the R617 in Merrivale, Howick. Unfortunately, nine people perished, leaving behind their loved ones.

Today, I joined the Gasas family and neighbours in Kranskop as we bid farewell to the three departed souls. I also visited the Nzama family, who will bury their loved ones tomorrow. We thank neighbours, friends, religious leaders, and local faith-based organizations for comforting the families during this difficult period.

We do wish to assure families and the people of KwaZulu-Natal that as we start this term of office, our traffic law enforcement officers will do thorough investigations of each road accident.

The main focus will be to determine whether there is negligence or to ascertain the root cause of each incident.

We will do this to prevent recurrence and, where necessary, ensure that criminal prosecution is undertaken.

Importantly, the necessary compensation will be initiated by the Road Accident Fund for the qualifying victims and beneficiaries.

This is all part of the justice system and a compassionate gesture from the government of the people.

Ends.

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