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PRESS STATEMENT

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The Editor

Since the accident that took place on the 14th Wednesday 2007 around 9h00 on the N3 North Band, near Pavilion, there have been speculation and assumption that the MEC for Public Works was traveling in a convoy of 5 vehicles at high speed, disregarding Road Safety Regulations. It is regrettable that the manner in which this matter was reported has created an impression of recklessness and being inconsiderate of other road users.

The MEC wish to put the record straight that:

- 1) The MEC was traveling with two (2) vehicles, her personal car and one (1) back up car
- 2) The cars were not driving at a high speed as there was a high traffic volume at that time, therefore it was impossible to drive at a high speed
- 3) The MEC cars were caught in the pile up as there were two cars in the front.

The MEC is grateful that no one died or severely injured. Those who sustained minor injuries were her drivers and were treated and discharged same day.

The MEC is committed to adherence of Road Safety Regulations.

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