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### **Media statement**

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### **Two people died and bodies trapped in the car between Taung and Podimoe**

Two people died and their bodies were trapped when the car they were travelling with collided with a truck along the N18 between Podimoe and Taung. Their bodies were removed by the jaws of lives from the car. It is reported that the two deceased, a male driver and female passenger were driving from the direction of Taung towards Podimoe and the truck was driving the opposite direction when the car allegedly hit the front tyre of the truck and capsized under the truck.

Traffic Authorities at the scene further reported that a taxi that was driving behind the truck also hit the truck from behind and passengers survived with minor injuries. They were rushed to hospital for shock treatment. It is suspected that the rainy weather conditions might have contributed to the cause of the accident. A case of culpable homicide has been registered at the nearest police station and investigations are underway.

Community Safety and Transport Management MEC Gaoage Molapisi has sent his deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased and wished the speedy recovery to those survived with minor injuries. Motorists driving along the N18 especially between Vryburg and Hartswater are advised to drive with caution following the rainy weather conditions and further to keep enough following distance. Motorists and road users are advised to report any hazard on the road by calling the departmental toll free number: 0800 204 992.

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