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## THREE STAFF MEMBERS FROM HLABISA HOSPITAL DIE IN TRAGIC ACCIDENT

The MEC for Health Mrs. Peggy Nkonyeni, Head of Department Dr. Busi Nyembezi and Senior Management send their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the families of three staff members from Hlabisa hospital that were among the seven people killed in an accident that took place on Saturday.

The tragic accident involving a bus and a minibus taxi took place on the route between Hlabisa and Mtubatuba.

The deceased are Ms. Thobile Bridget Xaba (35) who was working at the Dental Service Department. She joined the department in January 1996. Ms. Nozipho Patience Ndlovu (39) was working as an Enrolled Nurse and started working for the department in July 1992. Ms. Dumisile Mthethwa worked in the Rehabilitation Department and had been assigned to Hlabisa Hospital as part of a Provincial Project.

"It was with great shock and sadness to learn about the untimely death of Ms. Xaba, Ms. Mthethwa and Ms. Ndlovu. Our prayers go to the their families and we hope they will find strength during this difficult time," says the MEC for Health Mrs. Nkonyeni.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2006 at the Hlabisa Hospital chapel.

May their souls rest in peace.

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