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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Gauteng to institute an independent investigation into the K54 construction site tragic incident**

Gauteng MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure Jacob Mamabolo is set to institute an independent investigation led by a senior counsel into the circumstances that led to the tragic incident where two boys drowned in a quarry at the K54 (Solomon Mahlangu Drive) construction site, in Tshwane yesterday.

The MEC indicated that the senior counsel to lead the investigation will be appointed before the end of the week.

According to reports, the two boys drowned whilst swimming in the quarry at the construction site situated at Kopanong Pienaarspoort, Mamelodi. The MEC has extended his heartfelt condolences to the families of the two victims.

"The Department will institute an independent investigation into this tragedy to determine culpability or negligence on the part of the contractor. The investigation will probe whether or not there was any negligence on the part of the contractor and all the risks related to the project as well as to determine whether the incident could have been avoided or not," Mamabolo explained.

The MEC added that the outcomes of the investigation will be implemented without prejudice and that the Department will act without fear or favour where any form of liability has been determined.

Whilst the Department does not intend to pre-empt the outcomes of the investigation, Mamabolo emphasized that it is important for all contractors that have been entrusted with projects to conduct their work in the most professional and safe manner that limits potential risks.

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