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HANDOVER OF TITLE DEEDS AND LAUNCH OF MILESTONE PROJECTS IN NKANINI, ILEMBE DISTRICT

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr. Themba Mthembu together with the Commission on Restitution of Land Rights, will be handing over the title deeds to a R140 million land reform claim by the Nkanini Community in the Ilembe District. The title deeds will be handed over to the Qwabe Nkanini Communal Property Association (CPA) who are successfully farming the land growing sugar cane, macadamia nuts, bananas, litchis and cut flowers.

MEC Mthembu has heralded the claim as a land reform success story.

The event will also see the launch of the Qwabe Nkanini sugar cane project, which is as a result of a partnership between the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (KZN DARD) and the South African Sugar Association. KZN DARD has committed over R55 million to SASA for sugar cane development on land reform farms and for small-scale growers. The funding is for ratoon management and infrastructure development projects across KwaZulu-Natal. The Qwabe Nkanini CPA and the Qwabe Secondary Co-op in the Ilembe District will get a R16 million slice of the R55 million sugar cane development funding.

Members of the media are hereby invited to attend the event.

The event will take place as follows:

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY 2016

TIME: 09:00 AM

VENUE: ROYENDAL FARM, KWADUKUZA, ILEMBE DISTRICT

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