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## KZN DARD INITIATES FIRST DROUGHT INTERVENTION ROLL-OUT IN MTUBATUBA

The District of uMkhanyakude has been one of the hardest hit districts by drought in the Province. This is due to the below than normal rainfall over the last two years and the unprecedented climatic conditions over the past five years, especially in the last 24 months.

The Department recently held a meeting with Livestock Associations and Beef and Dairy Commodity associations where the MEC announced an amount of R114 million that has been availed for drought relief in the Province.

As part of this roll-out, MEC Cyril Xaba will visit the first drought intervention outlet in Mtubatuba where farmers will be receiving assistance such as animal fodder, hay, water-harvesting inputs etc. From the outlet, the MEC will visit communities most affected by drought in the area encouraging them to register for drought relief in all the Department's Offices.

Members of the media are hereby invited to witness this mark in history, which will take place as follows:

DATE: MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2015

**VENUE:** KZN DARD LOCAL OFFICE, MTUBATUBA

**TIME:** 12:00 A.M. (MIDDAY)

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