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## **MEDIA INVITE/ ALERT**

### **TO ALL MEDIA**

**ISSUED BY: KZNDARD 30-10-2015**

### **KZN DARD AND MASISIZANE FUND (OLD MUTUAL) LAUNCH SOYA BEAN PRODUCTION PARTNERSHIP IN UMZIMKHULU**

KZN Premier Hon. Senzo Mchunu together with the KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr. Cyril Xaba, cordially invite members of the media to come and witness this groundbreaking occasion at the Highlands Sports Field in Umzimkhulu on the 05 of November 2015.

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in KwaZulu-Natal together with the Masisizane Fund, a C.S.I project under Old Mutual, have crafted a Memorandum of Understanding on a 50:50 basis to embark on the development of Soya bean planting in the area of Umzimkhulu, Harry Gwala District.

KZNDARD and the Masisizane Fund have projected a total investment of about R26 million for a total area of about 1500ha to be put under production in the area of Umzimkhulu.

The launch will subsequently be followed by school visits to handover farming implements and an official handover of tractors, vouchers for seeds and a cheque for running costs to Communal Estates in Umzimkhulu.

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

**DATE: THURSDAY, 05 NOVEMBER 2015**

**VENUE: HIGHLANDS SPORTS FIELD, UMZIMKHULU**

**TIME: 09:00 AM**

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