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CHICORY BOOST FOR AGRICULTURE

A cup of coffee a day keeps the fatigue away - that was the order of the day in Emnyameni, Alexandria in the Eastern Cape. This was the energy, determination and passion shown by Government, the private sector and the community of Emnyameni, Alexandria in the Eastern Cape, which is chicory country.

Minister of Trade and Industry Prof. Rob Davies, accompanied by the Eastern Cape MEC for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform Mr. Mlibo Qoboshiyane, E.C. MEC for Economic Development and Environmental Affairs Mr. Sakhumzi Somyo and KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr. Cyril Xaba, attended the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between DTI, ECDEDEA, ECDRDAR and Nestle' for the production of chicory by entrant farmers in the Eastern Cape Province.

The production of chicory has been in the forefront of the farming sector in the Eastern Cape for over 100 years. It has seen the Province being a global leader in the production of the commodity. The province's climatic setup, type of soil etc. is a contributing factor to chicory farming being the biggest supplier in the country but recently, the Province of KwaZulu-Natal ventured into planting of the commodity and is tapping into this new market as research has shown that there is huge potential. Since 2008, KwaZulu-Natal has grown in leaps and bounds to make this a success.

For more information on the Chicory Project, MEC Xaba's speech



From left Eastern Cape MEC for Economic Development and Environmental Affairs Mr. Sakhumzi Somyo together with MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr. Cyril Xaba, Minister of Trade and Industry Dr Rob Davies and Mayor of Ndlambe Local Municipality Clrr Siphso Tandani during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)



MEC Cyril Xaba together with EC MEC Sakhumzi Somyo, EC MEC for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform Mr. Mlibo Qoboshiyane, Mayor of Ndlambe Local Municipality Clrr Siphso Tandani and Nestle representatives



MEC Cyril Xaba, EC MEC Sakhumzi Somyo, EC MEC Mlibo Qoboshiyane together with an old local farmer Mrs Novintwembi Magabela, who has been managing a chicory farm on her own for over 40 years to date



MEC Cyril Xaba, EC MEC Sakhumzi Somyo and EC MEC Mlibo Qoboshiyane accessing the quality of chicory at the farm of Mrs Novintwembi Magabela