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MEDIA INVITATION: TWO EVENTS

Event One: Invitation to a dinner: handover of Financial Compensation to 15 Indian families in Durban affected by the Group Areas Act

The restoration of land rights is forging ahead in KwaZulu-Natal with 15 eThekweni families set to receive financial compensation for the land they lost as a result of forced removals under the Group Areas Act. The families opted for financial compensation.

The Honourable Premier of KZN MR Senzo Mchunu together with the KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr Cyril Xaba, will be formally announcing the settlement for the claims, which amounts to a substantial amount of money and will also be interacting with the families at an event to mark the occasion.

The media is invited to cover this historic gathering to showcase the work being done by the KwaZulu-Natal Land Claims Commission and to tell the stories of the successful claimants.

Date: Tuesday, 28 April 2015

Venue: Durban City Hall, Main Auditorium

Time: 18h00

Event Two: Function to mark the handover of title deeds to a successful land reform project.

MEC Xaba, who is the champion for Rural Development in the province will be handing over the title deeds to a farm in the Ugu District to land claimants who have been successfully farming their land.

In 2013, the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform Mr Gugile Nkwinti approved the settlement of the Insika Yamabombo Community Land Claim, benefitting 150 households.

The community opted to farm the 545 hectares that had been restored to them. The land is predominantly under sugar cane and the beneficiaries are being assisted by Illovo Sugar as a mentor in their farming project. The media are invited to cover the handover ceremony of the title deeds and hear more on this land reform success story.

Date: Saturday, 2nd May 2015

Time: 9am

Venue: Enqabeni in the Umziwabantu Municipality

Journalists requiring transport for Saturday's event can contact Thembi Sishi at the Land Claims Commission: 033-3412473 or 0834016239

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