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KZN DARD hands over Boreholes to the Community of Mthekwini, Hluhluwe 17 March 2016

“The grass isn’t greener on the other side, it’s greener where you water it” said one wise man. This was the realization of the people of eMthekwini, Hluhluwe when MEC for KwaZulu-Natal Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba, officially handed over two boreholes to the community.

Last year on the 19th of May 2015, eMthekwini was faced with a saga of the death of 27 cows to mysterious causes. This created a lot of tension between the communal and commercial farmers and the situation became very volatile in the area. MEC Xaba intervened and met with both the communal and commercial farmers to resolve this tension and bring about peace and stability to the area. It came to the fore that the main cause of these squabbles was the unavailability of water due to the current drought, which led to the diminishing of grazing land forcing the communal farmers to try and find grazing land in the nearby commercial farms.

To date, the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (KZN DARD), has installed two fully functional boreholes with the third one being finalized. A total of four dams are being scooped by the Department in the area.

To address some of the issues of over grazing, the Department has also embarked on a programme of rehabilitating the land through the Landcare Programme, which will ensure the availability of grazing and arable land for the people of eMthekwini.



MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba, meeting with communal farmers of eMthekwini to officially handover 2 boreholes built by the KZN Department Agriculture and Rural Development



MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba, assessing 2 boreholes built by KZN DARD



MEC Cyril Xaba together with uMkhanyakude District Municipality Councillor Clrr Siphile Mdaka and Hlabisa Municipality Local Mayor Clrr Velenkosi Hlabisa testing water from the new borehole built by KZN DARD



From left Induna Manqele, KZN DARD Senior Government official Mr Jerry Mfusi, MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba, Umkhanyakude District Municipality Councillor Clrr Siphile Mdaka and Hlabisa Municipality Local Mayor Clrr Velenkosi Hlabisa testing water that is ready for livestock consumption from the new borehole

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