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**MR ZIBUSISO DLAMINI APPOINTED AS HEAD OF DEPARTMENT FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

The KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development welcomes the appointment of Mr Zibusiso Dlamini as the Head of Department. Mr Dlamini is a seasoned industry executive with extensive senior management experience in provincial and national government as well public entity management.

He was appointed an Acting Head of Department in September 2022, a role he performed simultaneously with his responsibilities as the Deputy Director-General: Agriculture Development Services in the Department.

Mr Dlamini has substantive senior management experience in the Department and has cultivated his career well serving in various technical and leadership positions within the sector. These include serving as Senior Manager: Macro-Planning; Chief Director: Agricultural Services; Chief Director: Rural Enterprise and Industry Development; Chief Director: Food security at the National Department of Agriculture and Chief Executive Officer for a Fresh Produce Market in the KZN.

Mr. Dlamini holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture, University of Zululand; a Master of Environment and Development in Land Information Management, University of KwaZulu-Natal, and Programme in Project Management (PPM), University of Pretoria.

Announcing his appointment today to senior management in Durban, the MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr. BM (Super) Zuma said, “The Department is excited to welcome the newly appointed HOD. Mr. Dlamini is not a stranger to this Department as he is currently a DDG for Agricultural Development Services and has rose through the ranks. He started his career in this Department as an extension officer and worked his way through various management levels. We see his appointment as confirmation of the talent that exists within the Department. We are grateful that the appointment has reaffirmed commitment in growing our own timber. This appointment is a further demonstration of our resolve to ensure permanent stability in this department. We commit to work well with the HOD and undertake to provide all necessary support to ensure he succeeds in this role”.

On accepting this appointment, Mr Dlamini stated that “I am humble by the faith that the leadership has shown in my abilities and commit to work with Honourable MEC, all the colleagues and the officials of the Department to advance agricultural growth and the development of the rural communities, in particular, the most vulnerable groups in society that continue to experience food insecurity to ensure optimal participation and economic benefits in this crucial sector”.

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