

AGRI-PARK DISTRICT: UGU	PROVINCE: KWAZULU-NATAL	REPORTING DATE: MARCH 2016								
 KEY COMMODITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetables Sub-tropical Fruit (bananas and macadamias) Essential oils 	 AGRIPARK COMPONENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 FPSUs to be located in: Port Edward, Umzinto, Indududu, Weza, Oribi Flats and Pungatshe 1 Agri-Hub located in Horse Shoe Farm 	 STATUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DAMC established The final draft of the master business plan has been submitted 								
 KEY CATALYTIC PROJECTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential oils- Investment in partnerships between established commercial farmers and smallholders, such as that of the Oribi Flats Farmers Association and Sizuzimpilo Cooperative Ltd will help to further develop the processing capacity for essential oils Macadamia nuts- Macadamia nut oil has a broad variety of uses in the cosmetic industry (soap, shampoo and sunscreen). Investment through PPPs in this type of agro-processing could help to assist farming cooperatives in entering this market Vegetables- Horseshoe farm has about 60 hectares of arable land, with some infrastructure for irrigation already in place. Vegetable production is already taking place, with about 20 beneficiaries actively engaged in farming. With 550 ha of land still available, the site could be developed further as a vegetable processing facility; possible products include frozen vegetables and canned vegetables 	 AGRO-PROCESSING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banana: rehabilitation of ripening room facility at the Ugu Fresh Produce Market; processing to dried bananas, baby food and health foods Macadamias: cleaning, drying and grading nuts for export Vegetables: there is little scope for large-scale processing but opportunities exist for primary value-added practices such as pre-packing. Specialised markets for these products may need to be developed Essential oils: soaps, scented candles, bath salts, aromatherapy creams and potpourri are being investigated as possible value-added products 	 KEY ROLE-PLAYERS <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Public Sector</th> <th>Industry</th> <th>Other</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KZN DARD DRDLR Ugu DM Eziqoleni LM Vulamehlo LM Umzambe LM UMuziwabantu LM uMdoni LM Hibiscus Coast LM KZN COGTA </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuts manufacturing Massey Ferguson Farmers Knapsacks Coastal Farmers Co-op Ltd Southern Natal Fertilizer Services Kynoch Fertilizers Meadow Feeds Cane growers Association Sappi Forestry Southern Africa Coastal Farmers Co-op Skema Farm Nzimakwe Farmers Association Vukuzakhele KZN Banana Association Hibberdene Farmers Association Kwanalu Harding Farmers Association </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agri-Business Development Agency AFASA Land Bank Commercial Banks SEDA NAFU Siyavuna Abalimi Development South Coast Development Agency </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Public Sector	Industry	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KZN DARD DRDLR Ugu DM Eziqoleni LM Vulamehlo LM Umzambe LM UMuziwabantu LM uMdoni LM Hibiscus Coast LM KZN COGTA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuts manufacturing Massey Ferguson Farmers Knapsacks Coastal Farmers Co-op Ltd Southern Natal Fertilizer Services Kynoch Fertilizers Meadow Feeds Cane growers Association Sappi Forestry Southern Africa Coastal Farmers Co-op Skema Farm Nzimakwe Farmers Association Vukuzakhele KZN Banana Association Hibberdene Farmers Association Kwanalu Harding Farmers Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agri-Business Development Agency AFASA Land Bank Commercial Banks SEDA NAFU Siyavuna Abalimi Development South Coast Development Agency
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 INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning, sorting, grading, weighing and packaging machines Pack house Processing, sorting and storage facilities Administrative, rental, agro-processing, quality control, logistics, retail and transport facilities for all commodities Training centre Agricultural input distribution and sales centres Cold-storage and warehousing facilities Farming equipment Oil press Water and irrigation systems Greenhouses 	 NEXT STEPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formation of strategic bodies and plans, including defining the governance and ownership structures Develop a funding model for all Agri-Park components as well as a plan for attracting investment Develop a technical plan for the construction of the infrastructure related to the Agri-Park Compile detailed business plans for all Agri-Park components Source funding from government bodies, financial institutions and private investment Commence construction on Agri-Park components Commence training programmes through the FPSUs Commence agro-processing activities Distribute products to markets through the RUMC which will provide relevant market information 	 POSSIBLE ECONOMIC BENEFIT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agri-Parks project will not only contribute to the overall economic growth and formal employment in the agriculture, manufacturing, retail, and transport sector, but it will also contribute to local skills development and temporary employment during the construction of the necessary infrastructure. In the initial phase of the Agri-Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated targeted hectares – 3474 hectares Estimated number of small-holder farmers – 180 Estimated number of jobs – between 2900 and 8 900 jobs, depending on successful and sustainable implementation practices with regard to the programme Securing funding to implement all the components of the Agri-Park is essential to the successful implementation. If all the components are not implemented correctly the Agri-Park will not be successful. Partnerships will therefore be crucial to the viability of the project. 								