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THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO LAUNCH THE STIMULUS PACKAGE TO FARMERS IN THE EASTERN CAPE

15 APRIL 2021

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Mr Mcebisi Skwatsha, will lead the roll out of the stimulus package to farmers under the Joe Gqabi District, Eastern Cape on 19 April 2021.

Through the Land Development Support Programme of the department, the stimulus package has resulted in four farms where the programme has been piloted. These farms are located in the Joe Gqabi District. The support that is provided to the farmers mainly focusses on livestock, mechanization and on-the-farm infrastructure. To date, all livestock and mechanization have been delivered to all the four farms.

The stimulus packages form an integral role in ensuring rural and agrarian transformation, as these farms are part of the PLAS farms and have got 30-year leases from the department.

This launch is in line with the department's fundamental responsibility of ensuring equitable access to land, integrated rural development, sustainable agriculture, and food security for all South Africans regardless of class, gender or social status.

Members of the media are invited to cover the proceedings as follows:

Date: 19 April 2021
Venue: Vaalkop Farm – 56 km after Burgersdorp Town on the Knapdar turnoff
Time: 11H00

For **RSVP** and further information regarding the event, kindly contact the following official:
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