

MEDIA ADVISORY

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TO: All Media

ATTENTION: News Editors/ Reporters

For Immediate use:

PIETERMARITZBURG- KWAMPUMUZA SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE SOD TURNING UNDERWAY

The Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande invites members of the media to the sod-turning ceremony of the Kwampumuza Skills Development Centre in KaMncane, Elandskop, Pietermaritzburg, KZN. The sod-turning of this R105 million project will take place on Friday, the 9th September 2021.

Construction of Phase 1 of the project is estimated to be completed in 2024. +/- 175 jobs will be created during construction.

The lack of training facilities to produce artisans in the KwaZulu-Natal province has been identified as a collaborative opportunity which has resulted in the CETA partnering with W&RSETA to build a Skills Development Centre (SDC) which will benefit the community of Vulindlela rural communities under Chief Nsikayezwe Zondi and the surrounding areas, particularly the young people.

This is the first intra-SETA collaboration infrastructure project undertaken by the CETA and W&RSETA. The SDC will be constructed on a 27 hectare land, and comprise of:

- Administration block;
- Retail Business hub (as per CETA/ W&RSETA MoA);
- Engineering and CETA related trades workshops fully equipped for technical training (trade test centre);
- Agricultural hub for training, warehousing, farming, Agro-processing, and retailing;
- 3 lecture rooms;
- 2 sick bays/room;
- 1 Cooking / hospitality trades, hair and beauty workshop;
- Storerooms;
- 150-seater multi-purpose hall;
- Toilets / ablution facilities including septic sanitation system;
- Roads and Stormwater;
- Parking and Landscaping; and
- Bulk Services.

In terms of the sustainability of the project, many amenities are planned around the site including human settlement, a small dairy operation, a shopping centre, SMMEs will be trained through the incubation programme and the farming and agro processing will be housed within the facilities of this SDC.

Additionally, the college plans a multi-purpose centre which will generate income for the centre. Students will receive practical training and graduates from uMgungundlovu TVET College will be part of the staff complement.

KZN Premier, Ms Nomusa Dube, the Mgungundlovu District Mayor, Cllr Mzi Zuma and Msuduzi Municipality Mayor, Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla, uMsunduzi Local Municipality Speaker, Cllr M Majola-Mathebe will join the Minister at this event.

Members of the CETA and W&RSETA Board led by the Chairpersons, Mr Reggie Sibiyi and Mr Thabo Masombuka, CEOs Mr Tom Mkhwanazi and Mr Malusi Shezi and Senior Management teams of both SETAs, the uMgungundlovu TVET College Council led by the Chairperson and the Principal Ms Ntombi Ntshangase will be amongst the dignitaries.

Minister Nzimande invites members of the media to the sod-turning event as follows:

Date: Friday, 09 September 2022

Venue: KaMncane, Elandskop, Pietermaritzburg, KZN

Time: 09H00 for 10H00

Members of the media are requested to RSVP Mr Letlhogonolo Mphuti @Cell: 061 985 9474 or William Somo@072 270 1487.

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