### **AGRI-PARK DISTRICT: PROVINCE: MPUMALANGA REPORTING DATE: MARCH 2016 GERT SIBANDE KEY COMMODITIES AGRIPARK COMPONENTS** STATUS 14 FPSUs to be located in: Chief Albert Luthuli (3), Red meat Dipaleseng (2), Dr Pixley (2), Govan Mbeki (2), Lekwa (2), DAMC Established Agroforestry Mkhondo (3), Msukaligwa (2) Veaetables • The final Master Business plan was submitted on 29/02/2016 1 Agri-Hub, located in eMkondo, in Mkhondo LM. Maize 1 RUMC located in Mbombela, Ehlanzeni DM. **KEY CATALYTIC PROJECTS** AGRO-PROCESSING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES **KEY ROLE-PLAYERS** An **abattoir** in Bethal to take advantage **Red meat:** fresh meat (chilled half or quarter carcasses). **Public Sector** Industry of the livestock production in the packaged fresh meat (prime and forequarter cuts), DRDLR • Red Meat Industry Forum (RMIF) immediate vicinity as well as surrounding bacon, ham, salami, sausages, semi-cooked specialty DAFF • Red Meat Producers Organisation DTI (RPO) products, roasted products (e.g. Roast beef), cold meats, regions in Balfour and Lekwa. SEDA • National Emergent Red Meat A maize mill in Dundonald, expanding offal, canned meat products, etc. MEGA Producers Organisation (NERPO) existing storage capacity and adding Agroforestry: wood product manufacturing, charcoal DBSA South African Feedlot Association DARDLEA (SAFAS) additional silos for aradina and sortina of (secondary wood processing). Medicinal plants, honey • The Red Meat Abattoir Association IDC and mushroom farming, biomass for energy generation maize. IDT (RMAA) Vegetable pack house and processing (agroforestry). NDA • South African Agricultural Processors NEF facility at Volksrust to sort, store and Vegetables: freezing, canning and pickling; paste, puree Association (SAAPA)

and soups for canning and baby food production

Maize: maize meal, corn flakes, popcorn, popped maize

cakes, reconstructed maize chips, collets (cheese curls

and puffs), starch, corn steep liquor, maize oil, ethanol,

# **INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS**

medicinal plants.

cultivation,

- Feedlot/abattoir
- Silos
- Auction facility,
- Storage facility
- Pack houses

berries).

- Mechanisation equipment
- Transport and logistics facilities
- Weighing, storage, sorting, and packaging facilities
- Agro-processing facilities and equipment

process vegetables and fruits (apple and

Medicinal plant project in Amsterdam for

development of medical products from

harvestina

- Electricity, ICT infrastructure and buildings
- Administrative, and quality control facilities

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Establishment of governing committees
- Development of a funding model
- Technical planning: of physical construction, related infrastructure; clustering of production areas. Identification of small-holder and emergent farmers
- Development of detailed business plan for the Agri-Park components
- Sourcing for funds from key public/private stakeholders
- Construction of the Agri-Park components (FPSU, AH)
- Primary production

animal feed.

- Training Programmes Rollout
- Aaro-Processina
- Product Marketina

## **POSSIBLE ECONOMIC BENEFIT**

Wood SA

Forestry SA

• Grain SA

Not only will the Agri-Parks project contribute to 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.

• South African Vegetable Growers

• SA Fruit and Vegetables Canners

Association (SAVGA)

Organisation (SAVCO)

· Perishable Export Control Board

Other

• Agri Sector Unity

Farmers Union of

South Africa (NAFU

NAFU Agri Business

Agricultural Union

· South African Agri

Academy (SAAA)

Farmers

Africa

African

of

Forum (ASUF)

Association

African

South

(AFASA)

National

Chamber

SAI

Agri SA

Transvaal

(TAU SA)

AgriSETA

Estimated targeted hectares - 16,700 ha Number of small holder farmers – between 350 and 550 Estimated number of jobs – between 5,000 and 7,000 jobs<sup>1</sup>

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on estimates from Mpumalanaa DARDLEA, 2015/2016