AGRI-PARK DISTRICT: UMKHANYAKUDE	PROVINCE: KWAZULU-NATAL	REPORTING DATE: MARCH 2016

KEY COMMODITIES

- Vegetables
- Livestock
- Cotton

AGRIPARK COMPONENTS

- 6 FPSUs to be located in: Ndumo B, Manguzi, Mbazwana, Ingwavuma, Phelendaba and Mjindi
- Agri-Hubs located in Jozini (JVAC), Bhamabanana (abattoir) and Makhatini Flats (Cotton Gin)

STATUS

- DAMC established
- Final draft of the Master Business Plan submitted on 29/02/2016 and presented to the DAPOTT on 14/03/2016 and comments received have been affected.

KEY CATALYTIC PROJECTS

- **Vegetables:** investment in the Jozini Value Add Centre will further develop its capacity to process vegetables, create a market for smallholder primary producers in the district and provide an opportunity for private sector investment and partnering
- **Livestock:** implementation of the district's livestock production plan will boost production to levels required for sufficient throughput to the abattoir to make it a viable and sustainable operation while creating a potential market for smallholder livestock farmers found north of the FMD 'red line'
- **Cotton:** investment in primary production, through Ubongwa Cotton and its affiliated cooperatives, is required to provide sufficient throughput to the Cotton gin to make it a viable and sustainable operation

AGRO-PROCESSING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

- **Vegetables:** there is little scope for large scale agro-processing but opportunity exists for primary value-adding practices such as pre-packing and slicing. Special markets for these products should be developed

- **Beef:** slaughtering, packaging, branding, freezing, canning, bottling, dry-curing, smoking, mincing, sausage-making, offal, tanning, rendering and jugging

- **Cotton:** seeds used for replanting, animal feeds, oils and cotton lint for inputting into textile manufacturing processes

KEY ROLE-PLAYERS

Public sector	Industry	Other
- DAFF - DRDLR - Dept. of Labour - DTI - DWS - NDA - KZN DRDLR - KZN CoGTA - KZN EDTEA - uMkhanyakude DM - Traditional Land Authorities - DLRC - DAMC - Mjindi Farming - Umhlosinga Development Agency	- SAMIC - Red Meat Abattoir Association - Livestock Registering Federation - NERPO - Red Meat Industry Forum - South African Feedlot Association - IMQAS - District livestock associations - SA National Halaal Authority - Ndumo B Irrigation Scheme Block - Tiger Brands - Meadow Feeds - Pick n' Pay/Checkers/Spar - Red Meat Industry Forum - Fresh Produce Exporters Forum - Ubongwa Cotton Farmers Cooperative - NWK - Obaro - Omnia - Coastal Farmers' Cooperative Ltd	- SEDA - Ithala Development Corporation - Land Bank - DBSA - SEFA - NEF - FNB, Standard Bank, Absa - ARC - AFGRI - Afrivet - Hortgro - NAFU - KZN Agricultural Union - UNISA - Cedara College of Agriculture

INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS

- Cleaning, sorting, grading, weighing and packaging machines
- Processing and cold-storage/ warehousing facilities
- Feedlot, dip tanks and livestock auction facilities
- Agricultural input distribution and sales centre
- Farming equipment and mechanisation
- Waste management facilities
- Water storage and irrigation systems
- Administrative, training, rental, agro-processing, quality control, logistics, retail transport/ logistics facilities for all commodities
- Student and staff housing

NEXT STEPS

- 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 private sector investment
- Develop a technical plan for the construction of the infrastructure related to the Agri-Park
- Develop detailed business plans for all Agri-Park components
- Source funding from government bodies, financial institutions and private sector
- 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
- Improve water, irrigation and ICT systems
- Establish linkages with other districts and private and public entities

POSSIBLE ECONOMIC BENEFIT

- **Potential hectares:** based on information available, approximately **2 800 – 4 300ha** of land has been identified with potential for primary production for vegetables and cotton in the UKDM Agri-Park. Additionally, if the livestock production plan is successfully implemented, the Agri-Park's abattoir will have the potential for an annual throughput of up to **3 406t (13 200 animals)**
- **Job creation estimates:** successful implementation of projects across the 3 commodities will create an estimated **4 042 – 6 028** employment opportunities in the UKDM Agri-Park
- **Smallholder farmers**: of these employment opportunities, approximately **3 093 – 4 618** will be on-farm opportunities for smallholder farmers
- **FPSU & AH:** approximately **949 – 1 411** employment opportunities are estimated to be created upstream (FPSU) and downstream (AH) of primary production activities