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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### MINISTER DIDIZA AND MEC MEYER TO COMMISSION EBENHAEZER IRRIGATION PROJECT

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform, and Rural Development, Ms Thoko Didiza (MP) and the Western Cape MEC for Agriculture, Ivan Meyer, will officially commission the Ebenhaezer Irrigation Project on the West Coast District, on Saturday, 12 June 2021.

In 2020, the community of Ebenhaezer, roughly 40 km from Vredendal, successfully concluded a land restitution claim they submitted in 1996. In terms of the claim, the 2000-strong community received 23,700 hectares of land and a significant government funding to help locals manage the restored farms. The revitalization of the Ebenhaezer Irrigation Scheme consisted of several elements that included upgrading the off-farm irrigation infrastructure, to ensure the on-farm viability of farming.

The National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) took the responsibility for upgrading the bulk-water infrastructure of this irrigation area. The Western Cape Department of Agriculture (WCDOA), in turn, accepted the responsibility for the on-farm development of the allocated agricultural land.

Members of the media are invited to attend. **(There will be an opportunity for interviews and photos).**

The event details are as follows:

DATE: Saturday, 12 June 2021

TIME: 09h30 –12:30

VENUE: Ebenhaezer Community (just South of Lutzville in the Western Cape) (Various stops at bulk irrigation infrastructure and farmers benefiting from the project are planned)

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