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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**POTATO HARVEST AT MAMUSHA LAND REDISTRIBUTION FARM IN LIMPOPO**

**8 December 2022**

The Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development in Limpopo will embark on a site visit to witness the harvesting of potatoes at the Mamusha Farming Project. Mamusha is owned and managed by Mr Tshiane Walter Mathidi who is beneficiary of the Proactive Land Acquisition Strategy (PLAS) programme. The harvest will start on Wednesday, 7 December 2022 and continue for a period not exceeding a week at Farm Ne Plus Ultra 110 LS in Dendron/Vivo Town, Vhembe District in Limpopo.

The visit is part of the monitoring and evaluation of productivity, including the impact on livelihood when the country is facing economic and social challenges that have had a negative impact on the growth of the farming sector in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The department acquired the remaining extent of Portion 0 of Farm Ne Plus Ultra 110 LS, measuring 845,1144 ha at a cost of R13 853 676,00 and the farm was allocated to Mr Mathidi as a beneficiary of land redistribution.

To ensure sustainability of the farm, the department, through its Land Development Support (LDS) programme, has spent R14 130 749,52 in grant funding, with the majority geared towards



production and mechanisation costs. Mamusha farming currently trades as Mamusha Broedery Pty Ltd, operating on Portion 0 of Farm Ne Plus Ultra 110 LS near Vivoin Vhembe District. .

The land redistribution programme gives previously disadvantaged people and smallholder farmers the opportunity to not only transit to commercial farming but to alliviate poverty, unemployment and underdevelopment, which remain challenges that require continuous interventions from government and other stakeholders.

The department will be visiting the farm to ascertain whether the utilisation of the allocated farm is benefiting the country in terms of food security.

Members of the media are invited to the potato harvest on the farm.

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