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MINISTER DIDIZA CONGRATULATES KING-ELECT PRINCE MISUZULU KA ZWELITHINI ON HIS RECOGNITION AS KING OF AMAZULU BY PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA

The Minister of Agriculture, Land reform and Rural Development Ms Thoko Didiza congratulates His Majesty King-Elect Prince Misuzulu Ka Zwelithini following his recognition as the King of Amazulu by President Cyril Ramaphosa.

This follows the passing of His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithini Zulu in March 2021 and the subsequent passing away of the Regent, Queen Mantfombi Dlamini in April 2021.

In terms of the Kwazulu-Natal Ingonyama Trust Act No.3KZ of 1994, the Ingonyama is the sole trustee of the trust which is administered subject to the provision of this Act by the Ingonyama, assisted by the board established in terms of section 2A of the same Act, to administer the trust held land for the benefit, material welfare and social wellbeing of the members of tribes and communities recognised by the Act.

"This legal rcognition by President Cyril Ramaphosa marks an important era for the Zulu nation, the people who live under the Ingonyama Trust Land, as well as the finalisation of the appointment of the Ingonyama Trust Board which is currently underway" said Minister Didiza.

On behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and the Ingonyama Trust Board, the Minister conveys her warm wishes to His Majesty and the entire Zulu Royal family for this milestone, which will certainly be of benefit to the Zulu nation.

"I look foward to working closely with His Majesty to improve the lives of ordinary people living under the Ingonyama Trust held land" said Minister Didiza.

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