## AGRI-PARK DISTRICT: EHLANZENI

### KEY COMMODITIES
- Vegetables
- Agroforestry
- Poultry (Broiler and Layers)

### AGRIPARK COMPONENTS
- 17 FPSUs to be located in: Bushbuckridge (7), Nkomazi (4), Thaba Chweu (4), Mbombela (1), Umjini (1).
- 1 Agri-Hub located in Mkhulhu, in Bushbuckridge LM
- 1 RUMC located in Mbombela LM

### REPORTING DATE: MARCH 2016

### STATUS
- DAMC Established
- The final Master Business plan was submitted on 29/02/2016

### KEY CATALYTIC PROJECTS
- Vegetable pack house for the washing, sorting, grading and packaging of local produce. Some retail activities and basic processing (chopping, peeling, etc.) can also take place at the pack house. The pack house should be linked to one of the FPSUs in Bushbuckridge LM.
- Poultry Abattoir for the slaughtering of chickens. Primary processing in terms of preparing cuts (fresh/frozen) for the local retail market can also take place. The abattoir should ideally be linked to the FPSU in Mashishing in Thaba Chweu LM.
- Furniture incubator linked to the FPSU in Barberton (Umjini LM). The furniture incubator will also provide skills development and assistance to local furniture manufacturers.

### AGRO-PROCESSING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
- **Vegetables**: freezing, canning and pickling; paste, puree and soups for canning; baby food production
- **Agroforestry**: sawmills, pulp and paper, treated and mouldings.
- **Poultry**: retail cuts (fresh/frozen), canned meat, pickled meat, smoked meat, sausages, minced meat, leather, meat offal /organs. Pickled eggs, egg powder, frozen eggs

### NEXT STEPS
- Establishment of governing committees
- Development of 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, RUMC)
- Primary production
- Training Programmes Rollout
- Agro-Processing
- Product Marketing

### POSSIBLE ECONOMIC BENEFIT
Not only will the Agri-Parks project contribute to overall economic growth and formal employment in different sectors, but it will also contribute to local skills development, temporary employment during the construction phases and local exports.

In Ehlanzeni DM, nearly 16,000 hectares are targeted through the Agri-Parks programme of which 6,500 hectares are commercial farms. The programme will provide assistance to 2,700 small holder farmers. Should the Agri-Park programme be successfully and sustainably implemented with all targets reached, between 5,000 and 8,000 employment opportunities can be created on targeted small holder farms1.

Along with the increase of employment on local farms, the components of Agri-Park, namely the FPSUs and the Agri-Hub will also create significant employment opportunities depending on the success of the implementation of the Agri-Parks Model.

1 Based on estimates from Mpumalanga DARDLEA, 2015/2016

### KEY ROLE-PLAYERS

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### INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS
- Pack houses
- Storage facility
- Poultry houses
- Chicken abattoir
- Auction facilities
- Small processing facilities for the local market
- Cold storage facilities
- Mechanisation equipment
- Transport and logistics facilities
- Weighing, storage, sorting, and packaging facilities
- Agro-processing facilities and equipment
- Large warehousing facilities

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