



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: Monday, 05 March 2024

Attention: Journalists, News Editors and Executive Producers

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HLOPHE TO DONATE INDUSTRIAL SEWING MACHINES TO TEN COOPERATIVES IN EMALAHLENI AS A BUILD-UP TO THE PRESIDENTIAL IMBIZO

Mbombela – As part of the build-up to the Presidential Imbizo to eMalahleni, the MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Ms. Nompumelelo Hlophe, will donate industrial sewing machines to ten (10) cooperatives identified from across the Emalahleni Local Municipality. This is part of the MEC's economic empowerment roadshow, which is aimed at supporting the small business sector with the tools of trade.

President Cyril Ramaphosa, accompanied by members of his cabinet, the Premier of Mpumalanga and members of the Executive Council, will on Thursday, 07 March 2024, engage the residents of Emalahleni Local Municipality at Sy Mthimunye Stadium in Ackerville, eMalahleni.

In November 2023, the MEC also donated tools of trade to ten (10) SMMEs who are incubatees at the Mpumalanga Stainless Initiative in Middelburg, as well as to ten (10) car wash SMMEs in Mashishing.

Details of the hand-over event are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 06 March 2024

Time: 14:00

Venue: Clewer Community Hall, Clewer, eMalahleni

All Media is invited.

For confirmation of attendance, members of the media are requested to contact **Mr. Thomas Msiza on 079 500 0137 or 013 766 4328.**

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