

MPUMALANGA KICKS OFF SEZ PUBLIC HEARINGS IN NKOMAZI

The Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development and Tourism and the Department of Trade and Industry will this morning (20 June 2018) commence with the public hearing on the recent designation of Nkomazi Special Economic Zone.

The purpose of the hearings is to obtain public inputs and support for this industrialization programme in the province.

According to the MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Mr Sikhumbuzo Kholwane, the designated zone would promote industrial development in the region with a specific focus on beneficiation through 'value-addition' of our agricultural endowments and support skills development in the Province.

"The Nkomazi SEZ will contribute significantly to economic growth and job creation targets of our Province. The SEZ is expected to contribute thousands of jobs during the construction and also in the value chain during its first ten years of operation," said MEC Kholwane.

MEC Kholwane said the Province will continue to exploit our comparative advantages derived from the spatial benefits of our regions as the anchors of economic development.

The first phase of the SEZ will be developed on 300 ha land on which more than 80 factories will be built on stands measuring from 1 ha to 10 ha.

The arrangements are as follows:

Public participation

Date: 20 June 2018

Time: 10h00 – 13h15

Venue: Elangeni lodge, Kamhlushwa

Private/business:

Date: 21 June 2018

Time: 10h00 – 13h15

Venue: Pestana Kruger lodge, Malelane

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