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NORTH WEST DEPARTMENT OF RURAL, ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT STRONGLY REFUTES ALLEGATION OVER CATTLE GIFT

The North West Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development (READ) has noted recent media reports on the alleged “gift” of cattle worth R1.5million to the former president Jacob Zuma from Premier Supra Obakeng Ramoetsi Mahumapelo through the Department.

The Department still confirms that it had a three year contract with AgriDelight Training and Consulting Company as an implementing agent which has since ended in October 2017.

The Department strongly refutes allegations that the transaction on “gift” of cattle was paid using departmental funds. We can further confirm that all beneficiaries across departmental programmes benefited accordingly as planned.

READ will continue to serve its clients and the province at large in fulfilling its apex role in the growth of the provincial economy. We will also observe developments around these allegations closely and if needs be, we will consider legal recourse on this matter.

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