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MINISTER THOKO DIDIZA TO HAND OVER LAND AND TITLE DEED TO THE ANDOVER AND LEAMINGTON COMMUNITY IN ACORNHOEK, MPUMALANGA

16 NOVEMBER 2022

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Ms Thoko Didiza will hand over a title deed to the Leamington community in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality in Mpumalanga on Friday, 18 November 2022.

The title deed will be issued to the community for the remainder of the farms Andover 210 KU and Leamington 207 KU, which are currently used as a Nature Reserve called Andover Nature Reserve. The properties are both currently owned by the land claimants through the Andover and Leamington Communal Property Association, and managed by the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) as the management authority. The claimant communities had lived on the subject properties in the early 1800.

The claim was lodged by various individuals on behalf of their respective communities and families. Subsequently, the five claims were consolidated into one main community claim for ease of administration. These claims were lodged before the cut-off date of 31 December 1998, as set out in the Restitution of Land Rights Act. The Andover and Leamington land claim has 516 households and 3 096 beneficiaries.

The handover is part of the ongoing work of the Land Reform Inter-Ministerial Committee to accelerate land reform by mobilising state resources to increase the efficiency and sustainability of land redistribution and restitution.

Members of the media are invited to cover the event as follows:

Date : 18 November 2022

Venue : Andover and Leamington Nature Reserve (Hoedspruit)

Time : 09:00

For RSVP and further information regarding the event, kindly contact the following officials:

Mr Sibusiso Lubisi on 076 793 1658 or sibusiso.lubisi@dalrrd.gov.za.

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