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## MEDIA ALERT

### FREE STATE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC CLUSTER MEDIA BRIEFING

The Economic Cluster of the Free State Provincial Government is set to outline a Programme of Action (POA) for the next five years (2014 – 2019). This was painstakingly developed and resolved by the Executive Council after laborious consultative session that started with the Provincial Lekgotla held in July 2014.

The adopted Provincial Government Programme of Action, which has already seen various projects commence since the dawn of the fifth democratic Free State Provincial Government in May 2014, has clear and precise targets and timeframes guided by the National Development Plan (NDP) – Vision 2030. This programme of action is premised on building the capacity of the province to be responsive to the National Growth Path and the Industrial Policy Action Plan of the country as vehicles that will enable us to move South Africa forward.

The focus of the media briefing will be on key achievements of the Economic Cluster, since the beginning of the new term of government. The briefing will also integrate issues that emanate from the deliberations of the SMME, Small Business Development and Corporatives Summit that is currently underway at the same venue.

The media briefing is scheduled as follows:

**DATE:** 2 September 2014

**VENUE:** President Hotel, Naval Hill in Bloemfontein

**TIME:** 11am.

ALL media is invited to attend.

The Economic Cluster in the Free State is constituted as follows:

#### **ECONOMIC CLUSTER:**

Chairperson of the Cluster: MEC for Public Works and Infrastructure, Mr. Sam Mashinini

Cluster Technical Chairperson: Head of Department: Agriculture and Rural Development, Peter Thabethe

Departments constituting the Cluster are:

- Economic Affairs, Tourism, and Environmental Affairs and Small Business Development
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Public Works and Infrastructure
- Treasury
- Police, Roads and Transport
- Human Settlements

Provincial Public Entities participating in the Cluster are:

- Free State Development Corporation (FDC)
- Free State Tourism Authority
- Free State Gambling and Liquor Authority
- Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA)
- Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)
- National Empowerment Fund (NEF)
- Independent Development Trust (IDT)

This Cluster will drive an integrated economic development programme of Government to ensure that the Free State Provincial Government accelerates the pace of service delivery as we enter the second phase of our socio-economic transformation. This Cluster will brief the media on Cluster specification issues as well as cross cutting issues of service delivery. The media will be enabled to do one on one media briefings with the political and administrative heads of the Cluster and individual Departments.

Please indicate your ability to attend by RSVP to Ms. Pulane Tsupane – 071 302 2595/051 405 4628, Email: [pulane.tsupane@fspremier.gov.za](mailto:pulane.tsupane@fspremier.gov.za)

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