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# Ramaphosa hands over land to community

PRESIDENT Cyril Ramaphosa will on Sunday hand over 4 586ha of land to the community of KwaMkhwanazi in Empangeni, KwaZulu-Natal.

“The KwaMkhwanazi community will receive title deeds as well as post-settlement packages and support that will assist the community in leveraging the potential wealth of the land, and managing the land sustainably to create opportunities for employment and alleviate poverty,” said Ramaphosa said yesterday.

The handover ceremony, to be held at BhekuZulu Hall, at the University of Zululand’s KwaDlangezwa campus, will mark the successful

transfer of land and ownership to the community. The statement said the KwaMkhwanazi community’s land dispossession pre-dated the Natives Land Act of 1913 which formalised the alienation of blacks from land that communities had inhabited historically.

“As part of government’s programme of land reform and restitution, the KwaMkhwanazi submitted claims for the return of land administered by the King Cetshwayo District Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal.

“The community’s successful claim will see 1 656 regain ownership of their ancestral land,” said the Presidency.

“The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries alongside the Department of Public Works, Public Enterprises and the Department of Performance, Monitoring and Evaluation, co-ordinated the successful transfer and ownership of the land to the community of KwaMkhwanazi, in co-operation with the stewardship of Inkosi Mkhwanazi.

In his State of the Nation address, the president said land reform and restitution would be pursued in a manner that was effective, constitutional and sustainable. | African News Agency (ANA)