

## **President Cyril Ramaphosa hands over land to KwaMkhwanazi community, 14 Oct**

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President Cyril Ramaphosa will on Sunday, 14 October 2018, hand over 4 586 hectares of land to the community of KwaMkhwanazi in Empangeni, KwaZulu-Natal, at a ceremony to mark the successful transfer of land and ownership to the community.

The KwaMkhwanazi community's land dispossession predates the Natives Land Act of 1913 which formalised the alienation of black South Africans from land 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.

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

President Cyril Ramaphosa in his State of the Nation Address 2018 highlighted that land reform and restitution will be pursued in a manner that is effective, constitutional and sustainable. 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.

Details of the Handover of the Title Deeds and Land to the Mkhwanazi Community are as follows:

Date: 14 October 2018

Time: 10:00

Venue: BhekuZulu Hall, University of Zululand, KwaDlangezwa Campus