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PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER DIDIZA EMBARKS ON HER IMBIZO WEEK TRAIL

The Minister of Public Works Ms Thoko Didiza will take to the road to visit her constituencies which consist of various stakeholders, business, EPWP projects, and communities in the provinces of Mpumalanga and KwaZulu Natal respectively as part of Imbizo Week starting on 26 and ending on 31 October.

26 October – Minister visits Ndindani Combined School in Mpumalanga around Nkomazi Local Municipality where she will be inaugurated as a Patron to the school. She will address the gathering that will consist of the community, learners and educators. Later on she will address the local council meeting.

27 October – Minister arrives at Gert Sibande District Municipality and visits various projects implemented under the auspices of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and their beneficiaries in the town of Secunda. The Minister will also take an opportunity to meet with local business including a visit to the Sasol Plant and Eskom that are the main economic generators and source the livelihood for the local people in the area.

28 October - Still in the Gert Sibande District Municipality, Minister will move down to Ermelo where she is expected to hear and address the community at Swanepoel Stadium. Minister will

give the community an opportunity to interact with her on issues that concern their day to day quality of life and the challenges that need government's intervention.

30 October – Minister moves to KwaZulu Natal. She will start by officially opening the Construction

Conference at the Durban ICC at 08:30 in the morning and later proceed to the meeting with the

eThekwini Metropolitan Council at the local municipal chambers in Durban. Minister will focus

primarily on the implementation of the EPWP and to assist the metro with challenges thereof.

Later on the day, Minister is also billed to attend staff Imbizo with the regional office in the Durban.

31 October – Minister will conclude her trail with a visit to llembe District Municipality in Stanger.

On the day she is expected to visit various local municipalities that include Mandeni, Ndwedwe and

hold a meeting with the Farmers Committee of the South African Sugar Association (SASA) at

Sonkombo area of the district municipality.

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