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SAFDA WELCOMES THE NEW KZN MEC FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The South African Farmers Development Association (SAFDA) welcomes the appointment of seasoned politician and former trade unionist Super Zuma as the new KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development.

SAFDA is confident that the new MEC will play a critical role in advancing meaningful transformation in the agricultural sector in the province – his grassroots activism background puts him in a better position to understand the struggles of black farmworkers and small-scale farmers who are at the heart of agriculture. As an organisation representing a multitude of farmers in the province, we see his appointment as a blessing and we look forward to working with him. In SAFDA, Nxamalala has an unwavering ally, especially pertaining to the transformation agenda in the whole value chain of the agricultural sector.

We would like to thank the former MEC Bongi Sithole-Moloi, who always prioritised farmers in KwaZulu-Natal, and wish her well in her new portfolio (COGTA). We are certain that she will do very well in her new duties. Our relationship with the former MEC was positive, and we hope the same will continue with the new MEC. SAFDA is a vehicle for farmers, especially black farmers to represent themselves in the sugar industry, and other commodities.

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