

Media Release

The first ever in the Country, Biodiversity Transformation Wildlife Auction hosted by North-West Province

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Rustenburg: The First Mebala Ya Rona Biodiversity Transformation Wildlife Auction was held on Friday, 10th March 2017 at Molokwane Lodge & Conference Centre in Rustenburg, Kgetleng Local Municipality within the jurisdiction of the Bojanala District. Following the many other critical hindrances to growth and transformation of the Sector, the auction culminated official launch of the Roma-Nna Legacy Foundation to address the key funding challenges to the development of the new entrants projects.

In heeding the clarion call by the Honourable Premier of the Bokone Bophirima Province, Mr S.O.R Mahumapelo, to be fearless in achieving greatness, Department of Rural, Environment & Agricultural Development (READ) has taken a first step in responding to the need for radical transformation of the Sector by accelerating the outcomes of the Mebala Ya Rona Biodiversity Conference held in October 2016.

About 155 Lots of game including rare and high-value species from various Guest Sellers; North West Parks & some donation lots from private Game Farmers were available for Auction sale. The auction drew a large number of participants from the game farming communities within and outside the Province.

Speaking about the initiative, the MEC for READ, MEC Manketsi Tlhape stated that it was significant for the Department to fulfil the mandate of the 5th Provincial administration by implementing the five (5) concretes with a Vision to Rebrand, Reposition and Renew (RRR) the Province in line with the National Development Plan (NDP), Vision 2030, using our precious biodiversity resources. The five Provincial concretes included the Agriculture; Culture & Tourism (ACT); Villages, Townships & Small Dorpies (VTSD); Reconciliation, Healing & Renewal (RHR); Setsokotsane and the Saamtrek-Saamwerk Philosophy”.

The MEC Tlhape further inaugurated the Mebala Ya Rona Provincial Biodiversity Transformation Advisory Committee, which comprises of 10 independent members of the public industry with the purpose to serve, support and advise on the implementation of this biodiversity transformation initiatives including the management of the Roma-Nna Legacy Fund.

As she launched the “***Roma Nna Legacy Foundation***”, the MEC Tlhape said the fund will create a platform for collaborative contribution for the Industry, the Public and the Government together towards the noble cause. The Fund will also play a pivotal role not only to address the current financial need but also to provide a marketing platform for products from emerging Game Farmers for the looming future”. In concurrence to the Statement uttered by the MEC; the Honourable Premier S.O.R Mahumapelo mentioned at the pre-auction function; the urgent need for both the regulated community and Government as the regulator to embrace better relations towards legislative tools that promotes the sectors economic growth & development”.

As a Province, the Department of READ recognises and appreciates the support from the Industry; Private Land Owners and the general public in making this initiative a Success as well as contributions made in the form of donations towards the Auction itself in promoting biodiversity economy and facilitating crucial transformation within the North-West Province”.

Caption pic, no.1: Premier Supra Mahumapelo and MEC Manketsi Tlhape together with some of the key role players in the Wildlife Industry and possible investors during a networking session for Mebala ya rona Wildlife Auction

5886: MEC Manketsi Tlhape inaugurates and congratulates 10 independent members of Mebala ya rona provincial biodiversity transformation advisory during auction ceremony

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