



20 May 2024

**DEPUTY MINISTERS DIPUO PETERS AND THABANG MAKWETLA TO DELIVER
BUSINESS EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY TO MILITARY VETERANS**

Deputy Minister of Small Business Development, Ms Dipuo Peters, and the Deputy Minister for Defence and Military Veterans, Mr Thabang Makwetla, will on Tuesday, 21 May 2024 hand over business equipment and machinery to 91 military veterans who own informal businesses in the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga. This intervention is part of the department's Informal and Micro Enterprises Development Programme (IMEDP).

IMEDP is a 100% grant that seeks to grow informal and micro enterprises to their full potential by assisting to improve their competitiveness and sustainability. This programme targets SMMEs that are owned by women, youth and people with disabilities, in townships and rural areas of South Africa.

The Department of Small Business Development has identified military veterans as one of the key constituencies that deserve to benefit from the programmes of the department. The objective is to help improve their socio-economic conditions and to contribute to the development of their communities. Military veterans have made huge personal and collective sacrifices for the liberation of South Africa.

Members of the media are invited to the hand-over ceremony which will be held as followed:

Date: Tuesday, 21 May 2024

Time: 9:00

Venue: Cosmos Hall, Kwazamokuhle, Hendrina, Mpumalanga

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