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Premier Ndlovu to undertake a site visit at a wind energy generating facility in Bethal

The Mpumalanga Premier, Mr. Mandla Ndlovu will next week visit a wind energy generating facility (Ummbila Emoyeni) at a farm in Bethal which is part of the country's renewable energy programme. The project is being implemented by a South African-owned company, the Seriti Green, to lower the carbon emission footprint and ensure a long-term sustainability as a diversified energy producer.

The Ummbila Emoyen farm is located between Bethal and Morgenzon in the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality, and will supply its mining operations and Eskom with power generated from the wind through the turbines and is expected to commence full commercial operation as from 2025. The farm is an excellent area for wind development due to high wind speed. It is the first in the Mpumalanga Province and the largest hybrid energy facility in South Africa. It is set to redefine the Province's journey towards a just energy transition.

The visit to Ummbila Emoyeni is part of the Premier's stakeholder engagement process to interact with different stakeholders such as the businesses and investors, to understand their impact whilst sustaining the relations.

The details of the Premier's visit are as follows;

Date: Thursday, 05 September 2024

Time: 09h00

Venue: Ummbila Emoyeni Farm Departure Place : Blue Gum Lodge in Bethal

Members of the media are invited, and encouraged to confirm their participation for logistical arrangement.

For media confirmations, kindly contact Ms Phumla Mokoena on 013) 766 2249/060 998 8781 or Mokoenapi@mpg.gov.za.

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