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### **MEDIA BRIEFING ON THE FLOOD RELIEF FUND AND OPERATION VULA FUND**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA), Mr Siboniso Duma, will visit businesses impacted by the April/May 2022 and February 2023 floods. In efforts to revive Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises (SMMEs) which suffered losses or were left inoperable by the flooding, the MEC will also launch the EDTEA Flood Relief Business Support Fund, administered by Trade & Investment KwaZulu-Natal (TIKZN).

In addition, the media briefing will also detail the second phase of the Operation Vula Fund, a grant funding scheme initiated by EDTEA with the aim of ensuring that adequate support is afforded towards the development and promotion of sustainable emerging enterprises, which include SMMEs and Cooperatives.

NB: The media briefing will commence with a site visit to businesses that were affected by the April/May 2022 and February 2023 floods.

The media briefing is scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 28 March 2023

Venue: KwaMnyandu Mall, Umlazi

Time: 09h00

The location for the meeting point for the site visit and media briefing will be shared later on the EDTEA Media group.

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**ISSUED JOINTLY BY THE KZN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TRADE & INVESTMENT KWAZULU-NATAL.**

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