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**Dube AgriZone 2 Opens South Africa's High-Value Agriculture Market to Small-Scale Farmers**

Dube TradePort Special Economic Zone is preparing to open Dube AgriZone 2, an 18-hectare, fully serviced, agriculture-focused development designed to unlock opportunities for pioneering agri-entrepreneurs, small growers, emerging farmers and horticulturists.

The expansion strengthens Dube AgriZone's position as a critical centre for perishable produce production, post-harvest handling and distribution. These services are now offered at a more accessible scale, allowing smaller producers to participate meaningfully in a global agricultural value chain.

"Last year, produce worth R50.3 million was grown and/or handled within Dube AgriZone. With Dube AgriZone 2, we aim to significantly expand this output while helping small-scale farmers tap into South Africa's fresh-produce market valued at over R53 billion annually."

'Dube TradePort is addressing the real barriers that limit small-scale farmers by providing infrastructure and support services that unlock access to high-value perishables markets.'

Said Nomaxabiso Majokweni, Dube TradePort's Senior Manager for Investment Promotion and Facilitation.

Across KwaZulu-Natal, thousands of small-scale farmers remain constrained by challenges such as unreliable water supply, poor rural roads, limited cold storage, and restricted access to high-value domestic and export markets.

Dube AgriZone 2, strategically located within the King Shaka International Airport precinct, directly tackles these constraints by offering access to critical agricultural and logistics infrastructure, including:

- Modern internal road networks;
- Warehousing and logistics support;
- Pack-houses and cold-storage facilities;
- A reliable water and electricity supply;
- An established distribution network supplying major national retailers;
- Direct access to export markets via the Dube Cargo Terminal.

“Through this new development, we are giving smaller producers a real stake in a global-scale value chain. Investment interest is strong; we have already received multiple proposals, with two agribusiness ventures currently in due-diligence. This early momentum demonstrates clear confidence in this new phase,” said Majokweni.

Development-ready sites range from 10,500 m<sup>2</sup> to 30,000 m<sup>2</sup>, offering flexible options for investors, agri-processors, and growers seeking to scale their operations. For investors, Dube AgriZone 2 provides a rare combination of fully serviced land, advanced agricultural infrastructure, and market connectivity.

For small-scale farmers, it serves as a bridge into high-value markets previously out of reach. For KwaZulu-Natal, it represents a step toward a more inclusive and resilient agricultural economy. While for South Africa, Dube AgriZone 2 increases the infrastructure of a high-value perishables ecosystem, bringing together infrastructure, logistics, and the advantages of a Special Economic Zone.

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