

# Northern Cape IDC Nguni Cattle Development Project



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**Nguni cattle and rural development in the Northern Cape Province**

**Project Manager: HO de Waal – 25 February 2008**



Three partners have set the process in motion...



Dignitaries at the official signing ceremony in Kimberley – 7 June 2006



The **Northern Cape IDC Nguni Cattle Development Trust** constituting at its first meeting in Kimberley – 19 September 2006





# Procuring good quality Nguni breeding material (heifers/cows and bulls)

Young Nguni heifers



Mature Nguni bull



Two veterinarians confirming pregnancy in Nguni females on farm of Nguni Stud breeder - 29 June 2007



Nguni cow with a small calf



Nguni cow with a big calf



## Prospective beneficiary Nguni farmers are screened during a transparent process

Trustees verifying with the Project Manager and the beneficiary farmers that the farmers are fully informed about their participation in the Project



Members of the Technical Committee discussing their role in providing support to the Project

The Project Managers and some of the first groups of beneficiary farmers





## First three batches of pregnant Nguni heifers on Vaalharts Research Station



Officials and beneficiary farmers viewing the Nguni arrivals in transit on Vaalharts Research Station before delivery to three farms



With the fingers pointing proudly, farmers said "...those are my Nguni heifers!"



## First batch of **10** pregnant Nguni heifers delivered to the farm **Springfield**



Transporting and offloading the Nguni heifers on **Springfield** - 23 October 2007



The first two Nguni calves and a proud farmer, Mr Punuse Hendrik **Faniso** with his stockmen and the Project Managers – 11 December 2007

Signing the agreement between the Trust and the farmers – 23 October 2007





## Second batch of 10 pregnant Nguni heifers delivered to the farm **VH1**

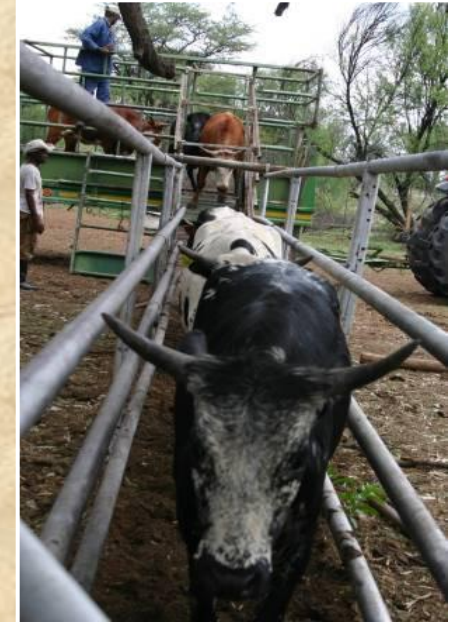


A proud Mr Butiki Willem **Watch** and his wife as well as a stockman taking delivery of the heifers



...discussing Nguni cattle...

Offloading the Nguni heifers on **VH1** - 23 October 2007



Signing the agreement between the Trust and the farmers – 23 October 2007





The third batch of **10** Nguni heifers (now cows with calves at foot) and bulls will soon be on their way to the farm **Khuis** on the Botswana border



Typical Kalahari veld of the farm **Khuis** along the Molopo river on the Botswana border

New facilities (loading ramp and kraal) provided (CASP funds) on **Khuis** by the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture and Land Reform



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**50** Nguni cows (with calves at foot) and **10** bulls will be transported to five farms during March 2008 and a further **30** cows and **six** bulls will follow soon to three more farms

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IDC funds will be used to buy more Nguni females & bulls before the end of March 2008

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A training programme for beef cattle farmers and departmental staff will commence in 2008