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## **MEDIA RELEASE:**

## Kees Taljaard Stadium revamped by Mpumalanga Black Aces

The Kees Taljaard Stadium in Middelburg will undergo over a million upgrade courtesy of Mpumalanga Black Aces FC, who has adopted the stadium as its home grounds.

The football club has yet to sign a contract with the Steve Tshwete Municipality, which will allow the club to use the facilities as its home ground and for PLS matches.

"This is wonderful news for the town, not only has Mpumalanga Black Aces paid for the upgrade of the stadium, they have invested in the citizens by upgrading the fields and facilities, for soccer, rugby and other sports disciplines," says Executive Mayor Mike Masina.

The 8000-seater stadium will see Mpumalanga Black Aces play home games with some of South Africa's top teams during the PSL, which will be televised live on SABC 1.

Municipal Manager Willie Fouche says the municipality is proud to associate itself with Mpumalanga Black Aces, as it is a good marketing tool linking sport with the municipality.

"The stadium belongs to all the citizens who can still benefit from its use. I want to say thank you to Mpumalanga Black Aces, who have so generously

assisted in the upgrade of the Kees Taljaard stadium, at a time when the economy is stretched to its limit."

Fouche adds that the PSL matches and the surrounding publicity generated, as well as live TV coverage will boost the economy as fans from far afield come and stay and spend their money in the town.

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Yours faithfully

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