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Jaco Kleynhans enjoying Oom Manie’s biltong at the top of Kilimanjaro.

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In remembrance



Bishop Isaac Mokgope, a Pentecostal Evangelist who served thousands throughout the country and made him one of the most recognisable religious leaders of his generation, died in hospital on Saturday 25 December 2021 in Rustenburg. He was 58.

At the height of his influence, Mokgope...

- was part of the Fathers of the City,
- was an international church planter,
- recently founded a TVET that bears his name,
- mounted healing 'crusades' in his famous 10,000 seater tent,
- was also the first black minister to build a church in the city of Rustenburg,
- published his debut book *The War Worth Fighting*

Mokgope was born on 15 September 1963, in the countryside near Acornhoek, in Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga. When he was 16, Mokgope was led to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. After tumultuous times having to defend his conviction, he found favour with Bishop Slinda who then encouraged him to enrol for Theology School. He graduated from South African School of Theology in 1986 and served for a short period of time under the missionary ministry of the International Assemblies of God, where his love for missions was elevated to new heights. He began a new life of prayer and preaching. He was 18 when he delivered his first sermon. He married Messina Ouma Mokgope in 1985 and together they have three children Isaac, Yolande and Ezra. Their ministry together has allowed them to plant churches in four countries. Today the ministry – New Covenant Fellowship International – boasts more than 10 satellite churches and has birthed countless Pastors and Leaders across the country. Mokgope is also the founder of NCA high school and primary school, Little Flock Preschool, as well the BIM Schools in Northam – which are all accredited institutions with the Department of Education and Umalusi. He is survived by his three children, one grandchild, Myra Mokgope, and a multitude of spiritual sons and daughters. His children will forever remember him saying: “Once my assignment is done, I will go home to my Heavenly Father,” he said. “I look forward to that with great peace and joy, leaving behind my legacy to bless the people.”



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Kilimanjaro ✓ Bucket List

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To prepare for this Jaco visited the Afriski Mountain Resort in the Maluti mountains, Lesotho for ‘altitude training’ and to test his equipment. At Afriski, which is 3,050m above sea-level, the temperature at one stage dropped to -12 degrees Celsius.

Nervous and excited, 52-year-old Kleynhans got on the plane to Tanzania on Sunday 26 December. On 28 December his group started with the 7-day-Lemosho route, which is one of the longer routes, but it helps the climbers to acclimatise.

Shortly after midnight on 2 January they started the 5km climb from the Barafu camp to their final destination, reaching Uhuru peak – which is the highest point on Kilimanjaro at 5,895 metres above sea-level at 8:24am.

He savoured every moment of the 15 minutes they spent on the peak, taking in the breath-taking views, before returning to their base camp at Barafu. On 3 January, the group walked their last 10km to the Mweka gate, where he had to take a mandatory Covid-19 test. Kleynhans had to wait 48 hours for the results before he could board a plane back to South Africa on 6 January.

The most difficult part of the climb for Kleynhans was the last 5km to the Uhuru peak: “To start climbing at 12 o'clock at night and keep climbing to the top, tested everyone mentally and physically.”

Five kilometres does not sound far... But the sub-zero temperatures, after 6 days of climbing and the oxygen levels less 50% than at sea level – are enough to test anyone's limits! Five of the people that joined Kleynhans' company could not take the punch and had to turn back along the way.

One of the things that kept Kleynhans going was his daily packet of biltong from Oom Manie se Biltong en Droëwors Den – his favourite biltong shop located in Rustenburg. He took one of the brown paper packets back to the shop for them to keep as a memento.

Looking back at the climb Kleynans says: “It was the best experience ever and I'm very glad I did it. The enormity of what I have achieved still feels unreal.”

“Each day's trail had its own uniqueness and beauty and each day your ability gets tested, but standing at the very top of the mountain, the highest point in Africa is and will forever be one of my favourite memories.”

Kleynhans' tips to those interested in taking on this challenge: • Set a date to work towards • gather as much information as possible • prepare yourself mentally and physically • make sure you are in the best physical shape possible • tackle the hike “pole-pole”... Swahili for walking slowly.

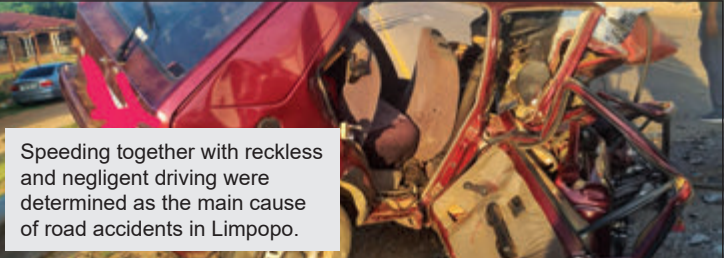
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Oom Manie se Biltong & Boerewors owner Wiesa Laubscher with a brown paper packet that travelled all the way to the top of Kilimanjaro. “We packed and sealed the biltong for him so that he can travel with it easily. We were thrilled to see the photo of him eating biltong at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro.”



Speeding together with reckless and negligent driving were determined as the main cause of road accidents in Limpopo.

Rise in road fatalities over festive period

SA – A total of 1,685 road fatalities were recorded over the festive period, that is a 14% increase measured against the same period last year. The minister of transport Fikile Mbalula, who released the national statistics at Grasmere Toll Plaza (in Gauteng) on Tuesday 18 January, described the head-on collision with a bus which claimed 17 lives and injured 8 on the N1 near Mookgophong, as one of the most heart-wrenching crashes claiming many lives in a single crash.

The festive season campaign statistics revealed that road fatalities increased in seven provinces and declined in two. The Eastern Cape and KwaZulu Natal are the only provinces that recorded a decline in fatalities while the Northern Cape and Western Cape recorded the highest percentage increases in fatalities.

- North-West recorded a 25.3% increase with 119 road fatalities.
- Limpopo recorded a 16.5% increase with 226 road fatalities.

North West Department of Community Safety and Transport Management spokesperson Boitshoko Moremi said overloading, driving under the influence of alcohol and speeding were among the main causes of road fatalities.

Says Limpopo Department of Community Safety and Transport Management spokesperson Mike Maringa: “Our law enforcement agencies were hard at work over the festive season. In Limpopo, speeding coupled with reckless and negligent driving were determined as the main cause of road accidents.”

Over the festive period, 651 roadblocks were conducted throughout the country which resulted in 264,690 fines for various traffic offences. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

20.5% Electricity tariff hike looming

SA – Eskom applied for an electricity tariff increase of 20.5% for the financial year 2023, which will start on 1 April 2022.

On 8 December 2021, the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) announced the timelines to process Eskom's Fifth Multi-Year Price Determination (MYPD5) revenue application for the 2022/23 financial year in line with the High Court (Gauteng Division, Pretoria) judgement delivered on 3 December 2021. Eskom's revenue application amounts to R279bn, R335bn and R365bn for the 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years, respectively. The energy regulator decision will be made public on 25 February 2022.

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Inside the mind of a murder suspect...

Brits – The results of a psychiatric evaluation on Onthantile Sebati, the woman accused of ordering a hit on four members of her family, will become the focal point of a murder case that is before the Brits Magistrates' Court.

Sebati, who allegedly hired Tumelo and Kagiso Mokone to kill her family members in December 2016 at their home in Mmakau, appeared before the court together with her co-accused on Wednesday 19 January 2021.

The three, who have asked the court to grant them R1,000 bail each, will only know their fate after results of a psychiatric assessment conducted on Sebati have been handed over to the magistrate. National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) spokesperson Lumka Mahanjana said the court will sit again for deliberations on the case on 20 January.

"The affidavits of the three accused were read and they acknowledged that they understand that they are facing schedule six offences," Mahanjana said. The three are facing four counts of murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances, possession of a firearm, possession of ammunition and theft following an incident in which Sebati's 42-year-old father, a 40-year-old mother, a 19-year-old pregnant sister and a 6-year-old brother were all shot dead.

According to the 2016 police report, the mastermind suspect, then 16 years old, went outside to dispose of the water she used to wash dishes. She apparently heard gunshots and run inside when she also got shot – in the thigh. The suspects fled the scene with the family's car, a Chrysler Voyager. The daughter then alerted neighbours who called the police.

The lifeless bodies of the four family members were all found lying in a pool of blood.



Tumelo Mokone, Kagiso Mokone and Onthantile Sebati are set to appear before the Brits Magistrates' Court again on Thursday 20 January.

ARE YOU NEXT?

Derby – Crime is seriously on the increase in Derby. It might seem as if you have a target on your back if you are not staying in Fort Knox.

A contractor who stays in the house he is busy repairing, was viciously attacked by a group of intruders on Saturday 8 January. Anton Cxxxxxx was watching TV when, shortly after 11pm, he heard something outside and the dogs started barking. He immediately notified the neighbourhood watch. Four minutes later, he phoned the neighbourhood watch again, and according to Peet Els who took the call, an attack was in progress, as he heard yelling and stuff falling on the floor. Apparently, the attackers gained access to the house through the part of the house that is under construction. The neighbourhood watch immediately rushed to aid Cxxxxxx.

As the first respondent arrived at the scene, the attackers immediately fled, jumping the high walls protecting the property. Although not seriously injured, Cxxxxxx, who was released two days later from the Koster hospital, is lucky to have survived the attack. A kufut (crowbar) was found on the scene.

He was lucky for being assisted within minutes by the neighbourhood watch, which stopped the attack from escalating even more. The members



Mōrester Kinderhuis director Helen Lotz



From left: social worker Malinet Bekker, manager Eddie Christian and director Helen Lotz.

No birth certificate, no future

Rustenburg – Without a birth certificate you cannot go to school, get a job, apply for a loan, drive a car, or get married... to mention but a few. Mōrester Kinderhuis currently has a Grade 10 learner who struggled to get a school placement because he doesn't have a birth certificate.

Says Hellen Lotz: "It really is a continuous struggle... and this is not the only case. We have other children in our care without birth certificates and schools won't accept them."

This particular Grade 10 boy was found three years ago, living alone in a shack with no parents in sight. A local community member, who is also a teacher at Tirelong Secondary School, managed to get admission for the boy where he attended the school for the past two years. Lots says the teacher noticed the boy (who was not a learner at the school at that stage) coming to school to get food. She later discovered that he stayed alone in a shack. She helped him to get admitted at Tirelong Secondary School in Kroondal and he was placed with Mōrester Kinderhuis.

In the meantime, the school has been vandalised on multiple occasions over the past few months and in January they were informed that they cannot reopen the school as it is in a horrible condition... (but this lot thickens).

Mōrester Kinderhuis director Helen Lotz struggled to find another school that would be willing to take the boy, but he was refused because he doesn't have a birth certificate.

He was eventually admitted at Moedwil Secondary School but because it's a lot further away from the children's home, he has to stay in a hostel. It broke her heart leaving him there.

She already applied at Home Affairs to get his birth certificate. He has a social worker and has a court order which placed him in her care, but they haven't received any feedback from Home Affairs as yet... Home Affairs even refused to give them a letter to say that his application is in process. She has also contacted the MEC of Education – without any success. He is a very bright boy and deserves a chance on a better future.

Lotz pleads with parents to ensure that their children get birth certificates. "Even if you put your child up for adoption, just make sure he or she has a birth certificate. We want to give the children in our care a chance at a future, but without the birth certificate, our hands are tied. If you are pregnant and don't want to keep the baby, just go and deliver your baby at a hospital. There they can assist with the necessary documentation to make obtaining the birth certificate a bit easier."

It's not as if Mōrester Kinderhuis don't want to follow the rules and procedures... but while they wait for the certificates, the children need to go to school. "We have contacted all the schools in Rustenburg, we tried to contact the MEC of Education, spoke to Home Affairs – all without any success. We just need someone to give him a chance," says Lotz.

Mōrester Kinderhuis takes in and cares for the most vulnerable children in our communities. Contact Mōrester Kinderhuis on 082 460 8418.

Former police officer sentenced to ten years' jail time for fraud

Rustenburg – Former warrant officer Stephan Ferreira (47), was sentenced to ten years direct imprisonment by the Rustenburg Regional Court on Wednesday 12 January for defrauding the South African Police Service (SAPS) of just over R1.7million.

Ferreira worked at the police's finance department in Rustenburg until 2015, when he resigned after allegations of him deceitfully using his unsuspecting co-workers' log-on credentials came to light. Through unlawful transactions he managed to transfer funds into his personal bank account on at least 47 occasions over a period of five years.

Following an investigation by the Hawks' Serious Commercial Crime Investigation team, he was arrested and made his first court appearance in January 2020. After a series of appearances, he was consequently convicted on 6 December 2021, which has culminated in his sentencing.

Acting national head of the Hawks lieutenant general Tebello Mosikili welcomed the sentence and lauded both the investigating and prosecuting teams. "We shall continue to root out rogue elements from within our ranks without fear nor favour," Mosikili said.



The fence at the main entrance of the school has been removed, amongst other things.

Tirelong learners abducted on Tuesday night!

Rustenburg – On Wednesday 12 January, traffic came to a standstill after the R104 road in Kroondal outside Rustenburg was blocked by enraged community members, who demanded that a new school be built in Ikemeleng informal settlement.

The protestors, who complained that learners have to walk from Ikemeleng to Tirelong Secondary School (less than 5km away), chanted slogans and demanded the closure of the school. Reports also indicated that they wanted to burn down the school.

This all happened on the very first day back at school while some learners were still busy enrolling at the Tirelong Secondary School. The Department of Education acknowledged that, for the time-being, Tirelong Secondary School was no longer a conducive environment for learning. They then relocated the learners to the Naauwpoort Mega Farm School as a temporary intervention. The learners were all also placed in the farm school's boarding school.

The MEC for Education, Mmaphefo Matsemela strongly condemned the incident and indicated that the perpetrators should be brought to book.

Only 10 learners stood their ground and refused to go with the mob. The department has arranged counselling for the remaining learners.

"We are in possession of video clips to substantiate that these people were not the parents," MEC Matsemela added. "What is even more disturbing, is that they did not take the learners to their homes. They left them on the streets, endangering the lives of our children. We want the police to arrest everyone involved in this unaccepted practice," she said.

The department opened a case of malicious damage to property and abduction and investigations are being carried out by the police.

In an interview with *Platinum Weekly*... A Kroondal man whose younger sister attends Tirelong, is outraged by the looting community members and completely appalled by the abduction. He wants to stay anonymous for his own safety.

"I am not sure what my sister will do now because she is in Grade 12. We will have to talk to the principal for a way forward."



The crime scene.

of the watch also put pressure on his wounds and called the police and an ambulance.

According to a SAPS spokesperson, the intruders attempted to steal a grinder and a drill, but it was later found.

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Declaring war on drugs

Rustenburg – “The Rustenburg community must do more to support initiatives by the South African Police Service (SAPS) to root out drug abuse.” This is the view of Thabo Bogopane, who runs a computer training centre in Rustenburg. He strongly believes that by empowering young people with skills will discourage them to get sucked into the murky world of illicit drugs.

On Friday 14 January 2022, a police intelligence driven operation led by lieutenant colonel Keamogetse Tube of the Phokeng K9 Unit, resulted in the arrest of nine suspects on charges of possession of and dealing in drugs. Personnel from the Public Order Police and Rapid Railway Police units assisted in arresting the suspects in an area near the Rustenburg police station.

Police spokesperson sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi said drugs such as Rock, Crystal Meth, Nyaope and Cat – worth an estimated street value of more than R35,000 – were confiscated during the raid.

Said Mokgadi: “One of the suspects who is alleged to be the kingpin was found with drugs and a lot of money believed to be the proceeds of crime.”

All nine suspects, who appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates’ Court on Monday 17 January, were remanded in custody pending the verification of their passports.

• **Bogopane believes community members must do more to help stop the illicit drugs trade, which tears families apart and destroy the social fabric of our communities. He pointed out that innocent young lives were being ruined by drugs.**

Bogopane runs Divine Learning Project – an initiative aimed at empowering the community with computer literacy skills to help them pursue various careers options in the ICT sector. Empowering young people with skills can help them escape a life of drugs. “Drugs lead to crime, so it is also our responsibility to stop this crime by speaking out against it,” he added.



Thabo Bogopane teaches young people computer skills and advises them to say no to drugs.



The canine team played a leading role during the successful search.

6 Arrested in training exercise

Rustenburg – Six suspected were nabbed on Wednesday 5 January during a search conducted by i-Protect Security Services at the old commando base next to Job Shimankana Tabane Hospital.

The suspects were all charged with possession of possible stolen property and the possession of narcotics and paraphernalia.

General manager at i-Protect Tony Dobson said the search was part of their monthly training exercises. “The searches help our canine team to develop skills and improve on our search procedures.”

Couple found hanging from tree

Rustenburg – Two bodies, a man and woman, were found hanging from a tree at Entabeni hostel in Bleskop on Thursday 6 January 2022. Rustenburg Police spokesperson sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi said a case of murder is being investigated. The deceased have since been identified as a 40-year-old man and 37-year-old woman who were both living in Sondela.

“Upon arrival at the scene, the police found the lifeless bodies of the couple hanging from a tree with ropes around their necks,” Mokgadi said. “The woman’s body was bleeding and bruised all over,” he added.



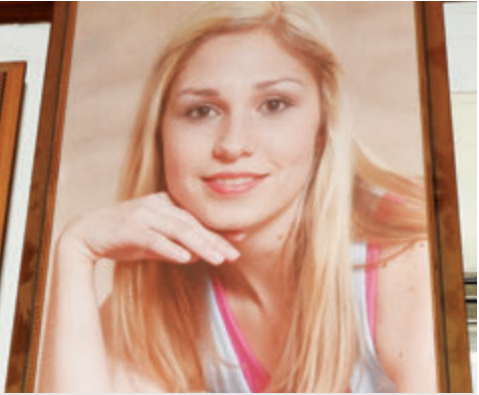
ATM bombing in Derby

Derby – Eight suspects bombed a Nedbank ATM in Derby on Saturday 15 January at around 01:00. The eight fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of cash and cigarettes after they also proceeded to rob the garage close to the bridge.

Derby neighbourhood watch member Peet Els told *Platinum Weekly* that gunshots were fired into the air by the suspects before a loud explosion was heard. “The suspects fled on foot with the cash and cigarettes,” Els said.

“A resident of a nearby farm also spotted the suspects running into the field. The neighbourhood watch members gave chase with no success,” he added.

Investigations continue.



Andrea Venter was brutally murdered by her ex-boyfriend.

Andrea’s murderer finally on trial

Rustenburg – After seven years on the run and almost 19 months behind bars, Gerhard Jansen van Vuuren will finally face justice for stabbing his ex girlfriend Andrea Venter to death at the entrance to her housing complex in Fourways, Johannesburg on 2 May 2011.

Jansen Van Vuuren’s trial started on Tuesday 18 January 2022 and is scheduled to continue until 4 February.

Gerhard was supposed to stand trial on 20 May 2013 in the South Gauteng High Court and had been denied bail twice by the Randburg Magistrates’ Court on grounds of being dangerous and a flight risk. Gerhard’s legal team again applied for bail, this time at the High Court... where his bail was granted.

Four days before the start of his murder trial in May 2013, Gerhard fled the country using false documentation.

He was later tracked down and arrested on 18 June 2020 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and his time in court has come.

Andrea’s father, Dries Venter, a Rustenburg resident intends to attend the court hearings for the full duration of the trial.

We want jobs!

Kroondal – On Tuesday 18 January, community members in Kroondal staged a protest to pressure mining companies in the area to offer more employment opportunities to locals.

The protestors also demanded to be handed the list with all companies that are considered by the mines when it comes to the awarding or tenders. Community members also called for the mines to inform the local councillor about vacancies instead of always communicating such information on notice boards.

“All CVs handed in to the mines must have the stamp of the councillor as proof of residencies are sold to outsiders,” read part of the demands.

Murder and robbery on Mooinooi smallholding

Mooinooi/ Brits – At around 21:00 on Saturday 15 January, an elderly couple, Mr Cornick (86) and his 76-year-old wife were watching TV when their dogs started barking. Thinking that they wanted to go outside to do their thing, the unsuspecting Mrs Cornick opened the kitchen door.

At that moment, four intruders with balaclavas entered the kitchen. One pointed a gun at her head, demanding cash. She started screaming and saw two of the intruders running to the sitting room to her husband.

As Mr Cornick was reaching for his firearm, one of the suspects shot him in his upper left arm. He fell to the ground. The bullet reportedly went through his shoulder into his lungs. Meanwhile, the other two suspects were still demanding money from his wife. She took them to the study and gave them the R60 in cash that she had in her purse. They also took a laptop in the study.

She heard more gunshots. The suspects then demanded jewellery upon which she took them to the master bedroom, giving them her jewellery box which they emptied in a bag. They rummaged through the wardrobe and drawers. The two intruders who was with her then left the house through a window in the bedroom.

When Mrs Cornick went to check on her husband, whom she found badly wounded, he was lying on his back on the sitting room floor. There was also no sign of the other two suspects who shot her husband.

She also found a 60-year-old tenant of one of the houses on the plot, with a gunshot wound to the head. He died on scene.

The attackers got away with the firearms of both the husband and tenant. Their cellphones were also taken. Mrs Cornick only sustained minor bruises. Mr Cornick was taken to hospital in a critical condition.



ATTACK AT LOCAL PRIVATE RESORT

Rustenburg – Two people were attacked on a private resort on the Rex Road at around 15:00 on Wednesday 5 January. A man and a woman were swimming when four men approached them. Two of the men had firearms with them and the other two started throwing rocks at them. When the woman started screaming, the attackers fled the scene. They got away with a wallet, cellphone and a moonbag. According to SAPS a case was not opened. The information was shared by Buffel Sekuriteit and Rustenburg Landelike Diens' owner Charl Visser to alert smallholdings and lodges in the area to be careful. Charl Visser: "Always be vigilant no matter where you are. Don't walk or swim alone. Always try to be more than four people when you go hiking, swimming or participating in any other outdoor activities. Get pepper spray or any other weapon to defend yourself with if you do not want to walk with a firearm."

Armed robbery at Silver Creek

Rustenburg – A 53-year-old man was robbed of an undisclosed amount of cash by three armed men who threatened him with a firearm after unlawfully entering his house. The incident occurred on Tuesday 4 January 2022 at about 22:15 at Silver Creek along the Barnardsvlei road. Said police spokesperson captain Aafjie Botma: "The three men entered his house with a firearm and robbed him of cash. They also took some items belonging to his wife before they fled the scene." The man sustained minor injuries to his head. Police are investigating a case of armed robbery.



Buy books for a bargain

Rustenburg – Calling all bookworms... it's time to get excited! Rustenburg Hospice is hosting a massive book sale on Saturday 29 January. Now is the time to restock those shelves for a bargain. They have various titles from well-known authors and genres to suit everyone's taste. Don't miss out on this sale, visit them at 195 Bethlehem Drive, Rustenburg.



Wys jy G-Om

Rustenburg – G-Om beoog om 2022 'n besondere jaar te maak en nooi die gemeenskap uit om betrokke te raak. Hulle is tans opsoek na vrywilligers wat eenkeer 'n kwartaal sal kos maak vir die jongspan asook dames wat vrywilliglik een keer 'n week van 08h00 tot 11h00 wil klas gee. Jy hoef nie gekwalifiseerd te wees nie, want hulle sal opleiding verskaf. Die skool is 'n geregistreerde nie-winsgewende organisasie en maak staat op vrywilligers en skenkings. Hulle het verskeie projekte waar hulle 'n verskil in die gemeenskap maak o.a. voorsien hulle ongeveer 50 kinders elke skooldag met 'n bord voedsame kos. **Vir meer inligting kontak Marieta Herbst op 063 705 0304.**

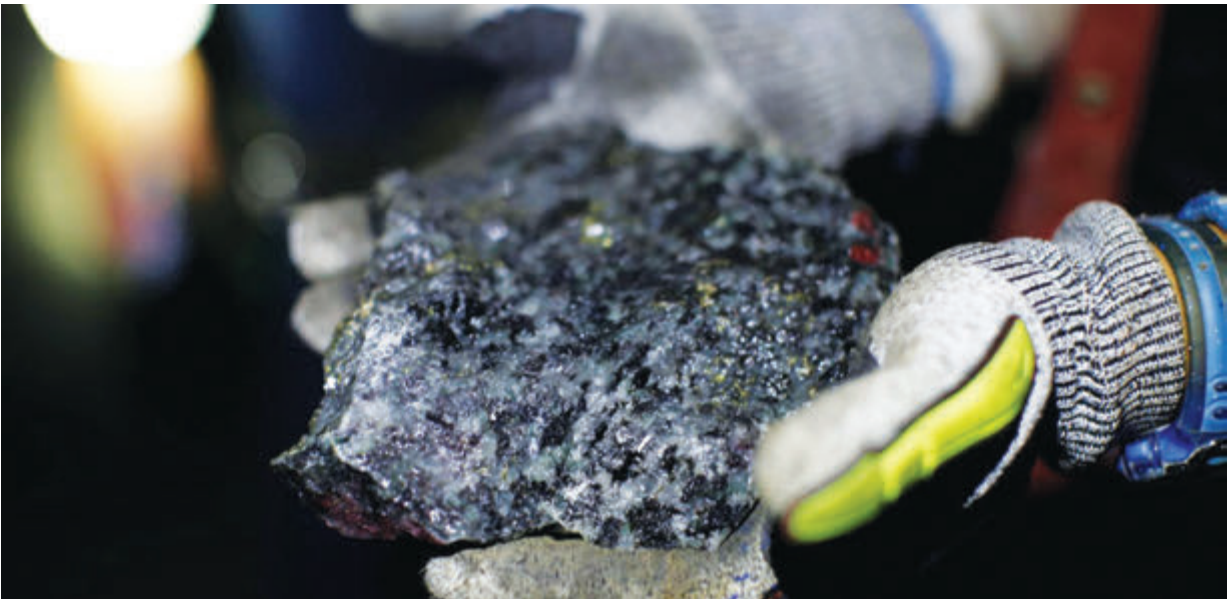
AfriForum se Rustenburg-tak eskaleer landelike elektrisiteit probleem na provinsiale regering

Rustenburg – Die AfriForum-tak in Rustenburg het op 17 Januarie 2022 'n elektrisiteit probleem in Rhenosterfontein, Pattatadraai en Waterkloof onder Lena Miga, LUR vir samewerkende regering en tradisionele sake, se aandag gebring. Die tak het verlede jaar verskeie skrywes aan die munisipale bestuurder van die Rustenburg Plaaslike Munisipaliteit gerig oor dié kragprobleem, maar geen terugvoer of aksieplanne is van die munisipaliteit ontvang nie. Die kragprobleme volg nadat verskeie transformators in die landelike areas die afgelope twee maande beskadig is en nog nie vervang of herstel is nie. Dit veroorsaak dat talle kleinboewes geen elektrisiteit het nie. Die eerste kragprobleme is reeds op 7 November 2021 aangemeld. "Die meeste van die inwoners van die geaffekteerde areas woon op kleinboewes en maak gebruik van boorgate. Die kragonderbrekings beïnvloed die mense se toegang tot skoon water, aangesien pompe nie werk tydens die onderbrekings nie. Verder veroorsaak die onderbrekings ook 'n groot veiligheidsrisiko deurdat elektriese heinings nie werk nie, terwyl elektriese toestelle ook beskadig word," sê Petrus Coetzee, AfriForum se distrikskoördineerder vir Marico.

AfriForum mediaverklaring ekstraksies, 17 Januarie

- Daar is tans gesprekke tussen omliggende mynmaatskappye en Eskom om die probleem die loef af te steek.
- Meeste van die affekteerde areas gelys hierbo se elektrisiteit word direk deur Eskom verskaf. Vandalisme (deur swaar gewapende oortreders) van kragstasies het verskeie opskrifte gemaak in Platinum Weekly koerant in 2021.
- Een van Eskom se sekuriteitspersoneel is ook doodgeskiet in 2021 by een van die substasies.
- Die beveiliging van die stasies is tans die uitdaging.

Sibanye: CCMA issues certificate of non-resolution



Rustenburg – Sibanye-Stillwater advised on Friday 14 January that the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA) has issued a certificate of non-resolution in respect of the dispute conciliation process between the company and the labour unions, comprising AMCU, the NUM, Solidarity and UASA in respect of wage negotiations at Sibanye's gold operations. The certificate permits the unions to embark on a strike and Sibanye to implement a lock-out within a twelve-month period from issuance. Further, the CCMA has established picketing rules, setting out the requirements for both Sibanye and unions in respect of picketing, as well as their responsibilities. Picketing rules ensure that these activities are conducted in a lawful, peaceful and orderly manner and are aimed protecting the health and safety of employees and communities, and to prevent acts of lawlessness, violence, intimidation or damage to property. As a result of the protracted negotiations, Sibanye-Stillwater decided in December 2021 to pay employees back-pay for July, August, September, October and November 2021 based on the current wage offer, even though an agreement on wage negotiations with unions had not yet been reached. **Sibanye-Stillwater press release extracts**

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Friend/ Family member's number: _____

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Rustenburg SAPS Community Service Centre	014 590 4126/27/39
SAPS Boitekong	014 593 6001/6002/ 6003
SAPS Emergency (cell phones only)	112
SAPS Marikana	014 572 3143
SAPS Rustenburg	014 590 4116
SAPS Tlhabane	014 565 9154
AMBULANCE	
Ambulance / Metro Control Room	014 784 4100
Ambulance / Metro Control Room (provincial)	014 777 3500
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	
Med 24/7 (Private)	086 177 7761
ER24	084 124
NetCare 911	082 911
Trauma Rescue	014 594 0689
Ferncrest Hospital (Emergencies)	014 568 4339/8
Peglerae Hospital (Casualties)	014 597 2823
HOSPITALS	
Ferncrest Hospital	014 568 4399
Job Shimankana Tabane (JST) provincial hospital	014 590 5100
La Femme Clinic	014 594 9500
RusMed 24	014 523 9378/9351
PEST CONTROL	
Bee Removal	061 657 6085
CLEANING SERVICES 24/7	
CIA Crime Incident Accident	079 498 7606
FIRE	
Fire Department	014 590 3232/ 3333/ 3444
RTB LOCAL MUNICIPALITY	
RLM Accounts Queries	014 590 3111/3090
RLM Emergencies (Fire Dept.)	Press 3
RLM Customer Care Supervisor	Press 2
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Do you think standardised testing is the most effective way to evaluate learners?

A standardised test means that the same test is given in the same manner to all test takers and graded in the same manner for everyone. However, everyone is different with different talents and challenges.



Yes, in the outcome-based approach used at schools there are certain concepts that one needs to know at a particular cognitive level. However, standardised testing can create bottlenecks because it can favour the abilities of students whose abilities usually meet the expectations of the job market.

Emmanuel Mosonza



Yes, standardised testing is the most effective way to judge learning because it creates a basis of how one can be able to assess how far a student has come. It is very effective because it highlights the strengths and weaknesses of students.

Nicole Van Jaarsveld

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

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YES: 22% | NO: 32% | OTHER: 46%

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Pierre live	21 Jan '22	Rustenburg: Jaggers	082-726-0627	coetzermariette@gmail.com
Muller Brandt	22 Jan '22	Rustenburg: Jakkals Dans	079-523-9311	info@jakkalsdans.co.za
Drommedaris Drum Duo live	22 Jan '22	Rustenburg: Jaggers	082-726-0627	coetzermariette@gmail.com
Meatmaster auction	22 Jan '22	Rustenburg: Twee Rivier Krale	083-781-2076	cdp@cdpauctioneers.co.za
Dirk Van Der Westhuizen	28 Jan '22	Rustenburg: Jakkals Dans	079-523-9311	info@jakkalsdans.co.za
Impala Rugby Trials	3 Feb '22	Rustenburg: Impala Rugby Club	061-530-3193	wynandburger95@gmail.com
Rocking Kenny Gee's	4 Feb '22	Rustenburg: Kenny Gee's	014-592-8079	kennygees@gmail.com
Early B & Loufi live	4 Feb '22	Rustenburg: Jaggers	082-726-0627	coetzermariette@gmail.com

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WEATHER REPORT NORTH WEST

RUSTENBURG

Thursday	20	Jan	2022	28°C - 17°C	Rainfall
Friday	21	Jan	2022	32°C - 16°C	probability
Saturday	22	Jan	2022	28°C - 16°C	4%
Sunday	23	Jan	2022	27°C - 15°C	Sunrise 05:37
Monday	24	Jan	2022	28°C - 17°C	Sunset 19:07

At time of print

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

ZAR/USD	15.40
Rand/Euro	17.48
Rand/Pound	20.97
Rand/Aus Dollar	11.09
Dollar/Pound	1.36
Pound/Euro	1.20
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POLL

Are you on a WhatsApp group to raise complaints about water and electricity challenges, and to monitor what is going on in your residential area?

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- Yes, I'm on an electricity or water WhatsApp group.
- No, I'm not on an electricity or water WhatsApp group.
- The reason for your answer.
- A recent photo of yourself (optional) – that we can publish with your answer.
- Your contact details.

If you don't want your answers to be in the newspaper, just reply to the question: YES/ NO. The results of the votes will be published in our next issue. PS – You can also give your opinion by commenting on our Facebook post.

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NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR MINING RIGHT

Notice is hereby given in terms of NEMA EIA 2014 Regulations for an application for a Mining Right. **Nature of Activity Arengo 297** is in a process of acquiring a Diamonds, General diamonds, Gold, PGM, Arsenic, Iron ore, Chrome, Cobalt, Copper, Mercury, Nickel, Silver and Zinc mining right on the following properties: The farms Leeuwbosch 129 KQ, Koedoesvlei 128 KQ, Cornwall 313 KQ, Portion 4 of the farm Honingsvlei 99 KQ, Remaining extent and portion 01 of the farm Zondagskuil 130 KQ and the remaining extent of portion 1, portions 4, 8 and 9 of the farm Franksvlei 100 KQ, Thabazimbi Local Municipality area in terms of section 22 of the MPRDA (Act of 2002) and an environmental authorization in terms of section 24 of NEMA. The application area covers an 12 954.110 ha in extent. As part of the application process, any person who is interested or affected by the proposed operation, are hereby invited to register as I&AP's and comment in writing and submit their comments within 30 days from the date of this notice.

AVAILABILITY OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Scoping Report is available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from the advertisement date of this notice. I&AP are encouraged to request an electronic copy of Scoping Report from BGES Pty Ltd or visit our website as per details below. For more details on meeting schedule contact: NS Mbasane, BGES Pty Ltd, Cell: 072 1728 374/ 065 910 8128
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OFFICIAL NOTICE 51/2021

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 79(18)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE NO. 17 OF 1939, AS WELL AS SECTION 14 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT 56 OF 2003), READ WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 21 AND 21A OF THE MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS ACT, ACT 32 OF 2000.

It is the intension of the Rustenburg Local Municipality to avail a portion of Erf 24 Cashan for the purposes of a right of way servitude applicable to the statutory provisions.

Kindly be informed that the Council of the Rustenburg Local Municipality resolved on 26 August 2021 per item 213 as follows:

1. That the application to register a 6 metre right of way servitude against Erf 24 Cashan in terms of Section 79 of the Local Government Ordinance 17 of 1939 is noted;
2. That the application to register a 6 metre right of way servitude against Erf 24 Cashan in terms of Section 79 of the Local Government Ordinance 17 of 1939 be approved;
3. That all costs deriving from the survey, advertisement, valuation and the registration of the servitude including the cost of land be for the registered owners of Portion 1 of Erf 74 and Portion 1 of Erf 1173 Cashan and
4. That a public notice be placed in terms of Section 79(18) of the Ordinance inviting any person who wishes to object to lodge his or her objection in writing within a period of not less than 14 days for the account of the registered owners of Portion 1 of Erf 74 Cashan and Portion 1 of Erf 1173 Cashan that the valuation report be approved".

That the intention is to alienate approximately 101m² per registered owner over Park Erf 24 Cashan to provide a right of way servitude. If no objections are received, then an amount of R 33 750,00 is payable to Council by registered owner for the portion of land applicable excluding the advertisement cost and the cost to register the servitude at the Deeds Office.

The Local community and other interested persons are invited to submit their comments, representations or objections in respect of the proposed development, must do so in writing to the Municipal Manager Box 16, Rustenburg, 0300, and submit on or before 18 February 2022.

Further inquiry regarding this notice may be directed to Ms Ronette Barnard at (014) 590 3084 or via email at rbarnard@rustenburg.gov.za

MR S MAKONA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

NOTICE FOR A CONSULTATION FOR A MINING PERMIT APPLICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ON CERTAIN PORTION OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM BOSPOORT 399 JQ; SITUATED IN RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, BOJANALA DISTRICT IN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE NUMBER: NW30/5/1/3/2/10965 MP

Notice is given in terms of section 27 of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act of 2002 (Act 28 of 2002), Regulation 41 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations published in Government Notice R 982 of 08 December 2014, under Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended, New Venture Cash Loans (Pty) Ltd proposes to conduct Mining Permit and related infrastructural activities, In terms of Sections 24 and 24(D) of the Act, as read with Government Notice Regulation 982 of 08 December 2014 as amended, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The project trigger Listing Notice 1(BAR & EMPr): Listed activity 21 and 27.

Competent Authority: Department of Mineral Resources & Energy
Commodities: Magnesite
Applicant: New Venture Cash Loans (Pty) Ltd
Size: 4.7 Hectares

In order to participate in this Process, or to obtain further information, please contact **Murara Environmental Consultants**, Mr Mabege M. **Address:** 58 Bourke Street Eikehof building, Pretoria; Sunnyside. **Cell phone number: 064 954 8869. Fax Number: 0866477854. E-Mail:** muraraec@gmail.com. A Draft BAR and EMPr will be released for a 30 days' comments period from 21 January 2022 excluding holidays.

NOTICE FOR A CONSULTATION FOR A MINING PERMIT APPLICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ON CERTAIN PORTION OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM BOSPOORT 399 JQ; SITUATED IN RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, BOJANALA DISTRICT IN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE NUMBER: NW30/5/1/3/2/10966 MP

Notice is given in terms of section 27 of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act of 2002 (Act 28 of 2002), Regulation 41 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations published in Government Notice R 982 of 08 December 2014, under Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended, New Venture Cash Loans (Pty) Ltd proposes to conduct Mining Permit and related infrastructural activities, In terms of Sections 24 and 24(D) of the Act, as read with Government Notice Regulation 982 of 08 December 2014 as amended, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The project trigger Listing Notice 1(BAR & EMPr): Listed activity 21 and 27.

Competent Authority: Department of Mineral Resources & Energy
Commodities: Magnesite
Applicant: New Venture Cash Loans (Pty) Ltd
Size: 4.7 Hectares

In order to participate in this Process, or to obtain further information, please contact **Murara Environmental Consultants**, Mr Mabege M. **Address:** 58 Bourke Street Eikehof building, Pretoria; Sunnyside. **Cell phone number: 064 954 8869. Fax Number: 0866477854. E-Mail:** muraraec@gmail.com. A Draft BAR and EMPr will be released for a 30 days' comments period from 21 January 2022 excluding holidays.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR INVITATION TO SUBMIT COMMUNITY NEEDS ON THE 2022-2027 INTERGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND ESTABLISHMENT OF WARD COMMITTEES

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 25(4) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000, read with section 22 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003, that communities are invited to submit community needs and participate in organized meetings arranged. Community needs can be submitted to ward Councillors and Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality offices (Koster) including satellite offices (Swartruggens and Derby) and email clo@kgetlengrivier.gov.za during weekdays from the 20th of January 2022 to the 25 February 2022 between 07h30 and 16h00.

The Speaker of Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality invites members of the community, NGOs, CBOs, Churches, Businesses, Traditional Leaders, Political Parties, Youth, and Disabled Structures to Consultative Meetings for the establishment of Ward Committees.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Cluster	Date	Time	Venue
WARD 1	26 January 2022	16H00	Borolelo Community Hall
WARD 2	25 January 2022	16H00	Rodeon Community Hall
WARD 3	27 January 2022	16H00	Korean Community Hall
WARD 4	2 February 2022	16H00	Reagile Community Hall
WARD 5	1 February 2022	16H00	Reagile Community Hall
WARD 6	24 January 2022	16H00	Mazista Sports Ground
WARD 7	28 January 2022	16H00	Reagile Community Hall

For more information please contact the following:

Mr. Lawrence Motlhampe
IDP/ PMS MANAGER
Tel - 014 543 2004/5/6


**Municipal Manager
MR. R.J. MOGALE**

Gifts of love

Rustenburg – On Thursday 22 December 2021, representatives of the Al Imdaad Foundation visited Rietvlei to hand out food parcels to underprivileged and elderly community members. The outreach programme, which was carried out in partnership with the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM), is part of the foundation's efforts to uplift communities. RLM executive mayor councillor Sheila Mabale-Huma also assisted in the handing out of parcels. A big thank you to Al Imdaad Foundation!

Underprivileged and elderly members of the Rietvlei community were grateful for the generous gesture.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 38 AND 34 OF NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT 25, 1999: HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND INTENTION TO APPLY FOR DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES LOCATED AT SIBANYE-STILLWATER'S SIPHUMELELE 3 SHAFT, RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, BOJANALA PLATINUM DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd, being the authorized agent of Sibanye-Stillwater Limited, the owner of the Siphumelele 3 Shaft, Rustenburg Local Municipality, Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, hereby gives notice in terms of Sections 38 and 34 of the National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999, of a Public Comment process for the Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Report and the proposed application for demolition of the existing buildings situated on the above property.

Location:

The study area adjoins the residential area of Photshaneng and is located approximately 8 km northeast of Kroondal and 13 km east of Rustenburg. It is situated at Sibanye-Stillwater's Siphumelele 3 Shaft, Rustenburg Local Municipality, Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West Province.

Background:

The HIA Report identified 30 existing buildings and structures on the property, which were numbered in the report from Structure 1 to Structure 30. Of these, Structures 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 22, 28 and 29 were assessed to be possibly older than 60 years. As such, they are protected under the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) and any proposed demolition or alteration requires an application for a permit from the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of the North West Province (PHRA-NW). The remainder of the structures from the site were assessed to be younger than 60 years.

Opportunity to comment:

The HIA report is being made available to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) for a 14-day comment period. Electronic copies of the HIA report can be requested from PGS Heritage (see contact details below). Comments should be provided electronically in writing (including your full names and contact details) to the PHRA-NW and PGS Heritage before the closing date: 10 February 2022.

(PHRA-NW): Mr. Mothlabane Mosiane, E-mail: MosianeM@nwpg.gov.za
PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd: Mr. Polke Birkholtz, PO Box 32542, Totiusdal, 0134, Tel: 012 332 5305, Fax: 086 675 8077, E-mail: polke@pgsheritage.co.za.

KITSISO YA BOTLHE MALEBANA LE DIKAROLO 38 LE 34 TSA MOLAWANA 25, WA 1999 WA DILO TSE DI AMANANG LE NGWAOBOSWA: SETHEO SA TSHEKATSHKO YA NGWAOBOSWA LE SE SE DIRWANG KA YONE SE TLILE GO DIRA KOPO YA GO SENYA DIKAGO TSE DI MO SIPHUMELELE 3 SHAFT YA SIBANYE-STILLWATER, KWA MASEPALENG WA RUSTENBURG, KWA MASEPALENG WA KGAOLO YA BOJANALA PLATINUM, KWA POROFENSENG YA BOKONE BOPHIRIMA

PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd, e le moemedi yo o kafa molaong wa Sibanye-Stillwater Limited, e e tshwereng Siphumelele 3 Shaft, kwa Masepaleng wa Rustenburg, kwa Masepaleng wa Kgaolo ya Bojanala Platinum, o itsise fano tumalanong le Dikarolo 38 le 34 tsa Molawana No. 25 wa 1999 wa Dilo Tse di Amanang le Ngwaoboswa, wa thulaganyo ya Tshwaelo ya Setšhaba ya Pego ya Logato 1 ya Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) ka kopo e ba tshitshinyang go e dira go senya dikago tse di mo lefelong le le umakilweng fa godimo.

Lefelo:

Lefelo le go buiwang ka lone le lebagane le lefelo le go agilweng mo go lone la Photshaneng mme le mo e ka nnang 8 km kafa bokone botlhaba jwa Kroondal le 13 km kafa botlhaba jwa Rustenburg. Le mo Siphumelele 3 Shaft ya Sibanye-Stillwater, kwa go Masepala wa Rustenburg, Masepala wa Kgaolo ya Bojanala Platinum, mo Porofenseng ya Bokone Bophirima.

Lemorago:

Pego ya HIA e bontshitse fa go na le dikago di le 30 le mo lefelong leno, tse di neng di neilwe dinomoro mo pegong eno go simolola ka Structure 1 go ya go Structure 30. Mo go tsone, Structure 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 22, 28 le 29 go ne ga lekanngwa gore go ka direga gore di ne di feta dingwaga di le 60. Ka ntlha ya moo, di sireleditswe kafa tlase ga Molawana 25 wa Dilo Tse di Amanang le Ngwaoboswa (25 wa 1999) mme fa go na le mongwe yo o batlang go senya kgotsa go fetola dikago tseno o tshwanetse go dira kopo ya go bona tella go tswa go Bothati Jwa Dilo Tsa Ngwaoboswa Tsa Porofense jwa Porofense ya Bokone Bophirima (Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of the North West Province [PHRA-NW]). Dikago tse di setseng mo lefelong leno go akanngwa gore di kwa tlase ga dingwaga di le 60.

Sebaka sa go tshwaela:

Pego eno ya HIA e buletsetse botlhe ba ba Nang le Kgatlhego Le ba Ba Amegang (Interested and Affected Parties [di-I&AP]) ka lobaka lwa malatsi a le 14 gore ba tshwaele. Dikhopi tsa eleketeroniki tsa pego ya HIA di ka kopiwa mo PGS Heritage (bona dinthla tsa go ikgolaganya fa tlase fano). **Di tshwaelo di tshwanetse go kwalwa ka mokgwa wa ileketeroniki (o kwale le maina a gago a a feletseng le dinthla tse re ka ikgolaganyang le wena ka tsone) di romelwe go PHRA-NW le PGS Heritage pele ga lefetha la go tswala: 10 Tlhakole 2022.**

(PHRA-NW): Rre Mothlabane Mosiane, Imaile: MosianeM@nwpg.gov.za
PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd: Rre Polke Birkholtz, PO Box 32542, Totiusdal, 0134, Tel: 012 332 5305 Fekese: 086 675 8077, E-mail: polke@pgsheritage.co.za.

NOTICE:

RELOCATION OF HUMAN REMAINS

Notice is hereby given that:

On behalf of Sibanye Stillwater Kroondal Mine, PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd and a Registered Undertaker

intend applying in terms of the National Heritage Resource Act (Act 25 of 1999); the National Health Act (Act 61 of 2003) and any other relevant National, Provincial or local Acts, Regulations and by-laws;

to the:


- Provincial Administration of the Province in which the graves are located;
- South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA);
- Relevant District and Local municipalities and
- The local Traditional Authority (if required)

for approval to exhume and re-inter in a local cemetery, the remains of one grave buried at the following location on remainder of portion 2 of the farm Klipfontein 300 JQ near the town of Marikana in the North-West Province:

- SKM-01 – One grave in disturbed context and likely associated with the Iron Age that is located at GPS Coordinates: -25.680677°, 27.362787°.

The human remains will be exhumed from their current place of burial and reburied in a new municipal regulated location. All persons and communities by tradition concerned with the graves or any person or communities with an interest in the graves are invited to participate in the process and must forward their contact particulars to the address listed **below within 14 days of the date of this notice:**

Ms Nwabisa Mgozeli
Email: Nwabisa.mgozeli@sibanyestillwater.com
Cell: 0827355835
Tel: 014 495 0838



KITSISO:

GO FUDUSWA GA DITOPU TSA BATHO

Re itsise fano gore:

Mo boemong jwa Sibanye Stillwater Kroondal Mine, PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd le Registered Undertaker

ba batla go dira kopo tumalanong le Molao wa Ngwao-Boswa ya Bosetšhaba (Molao wa 25 wa 1999); Molao wa Bosetšhaba wa Itsekanelo (Molao 61 wa 2003) mmogo le Melao, Ditaelo le melawana epe e mengwe ya Naga, ya Porofense kgotsa ya lefelo e e amegang;

go:


- Botsamaisi jwa Diporofense jwa Porofense e mabilla a leng mo go yone;
- Mokgatlho wa Mafelo a Ngwao-Boswa mo Aforika Borwa (South African Heritage Resources Agency [SAHRA]);
- Bomasepala ba ba maleba ba Dikgaolo le ba Mafelo mmogo le
- Balaodi ba Setso ba lefelo (fa go tlhokega)

gore ba dumelelwe go epolola le go katela setopo se se mo go lengwe la mabilla a a mo mafelong a a latelang mo karolong e e setseng ya karolo 2 ya polasi ya Klipfontein 300 JQ gaufi le toropo ya Marikana mo Porofenseng ya Bokone Bophirima:

- SKM-01 – Lebitla le le lengwe mo karolong e e amegang e bile e le go ka diregang gore le amana le Iron Age e e mo lefelong leno la di-GPS Coordinate: -25.680677°, 27.362787°.

Setopo se se moo se tla epololwa mo lefelong le se mo go sone gone jaanong mme se epelwe mo lefelong la masepala wa lefelo le lesa le le laotsweng. Batho botlhe le batho ba ba amanang ka setso le mabilla ano le motho ope kgotsa batho ba ba nang le kgatlhego mo mabilteng ano ba lalediwa go tsaya karolo mo thulaganyong eno mme ba tshwanetse go romela dinthla tsa go ikgolaganya le bone kwa atereseng e e fa tlase fano **mo lobakeng lwa malatsi a le 14 morago ga lefetha la kitsiso eno:**

Ms Nwabisa Mgozeli
Email: Nwabisa.mgozeli@sibanyestillwater.com
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Welcome to Grenville High

Rustenburg – A warm welcome to Grenville High School's new staff members. Congrats on your new positions and many good wishes for your first quarter at Grenville.



Ms Danielle Otto



Ms Karabo Tledima



Ms Shanice Molaoa



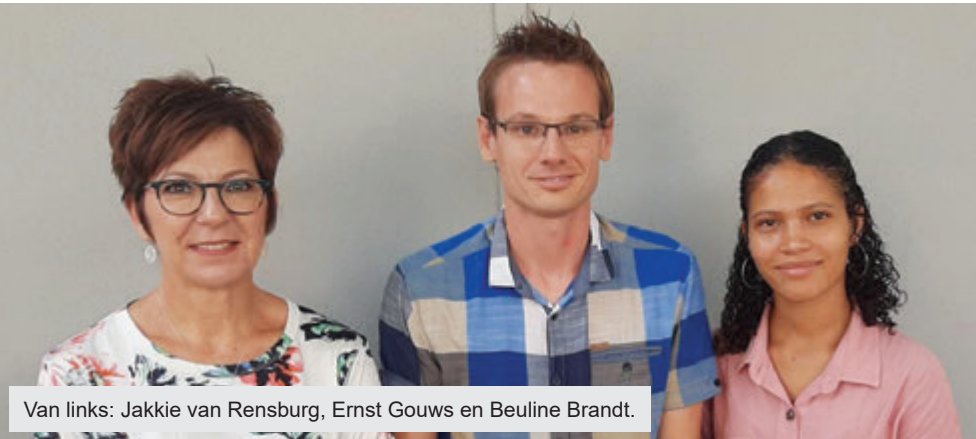
Ms Thamarinn Jordan



Ms Masego Legobe

Welkom!

Rustenburg – Rustenburg Skool vir Buitengewone Onderwys is opgewonde oor die nuwe onderwysers wat by die skool aangesluit het vir die eerste kwartaal van 2022. Baie welkom aan Jakkie van Rensburg, Ernst Gouws en Beuline Brandt. Hulle kon nie wag vir die eerste dag van skool op 12 Januarie om die jongspan in hul klasse te verwelkom nie.



Van links: Jakkie van Rensburg, Ernst Gouws en Beuline Brandt.

Cycling star Caitlin shines

Rustenburg – Local cycling star Caitlin Thompson has started the year on a great note. This 18-year-old Rustenburg Cycling Club (RCC) member won the two races she took part in during the Gauteng Provincial Road Championships held on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 January 2022. Thompson – who also performed exceptionally well during the 2021 season – comprehensively won both the junior female individual time trial and the road race. She competed in the two races as part of preparations for the upcoming SA National Road Championships.



RCC star Caitlin Thompson won both her races in Gauteng.

Interested in playing rugby for Impala Rugby Club?

Rustenburg – Impala Rugby Club will be conducting trials on Thursday 3 February at Impala Rugby Stadium as they look to expand their player base ahead of what promises to be a competitive 2022 season. In an interview with *Platinum Weekly*, Impala Rugby Club coach Joel Sherman said anyone passionate about rugby is welcome to report for the trials.

"I know that there are a lot of good players out there so if you enjoy rugby, we welcome you to join us," he said. "If you have the passion, we will teach you the skills and you will have a lot of fun and also make some new friends," he added.

For more information contact Wynand Burger on 061 530 3193.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 41(2) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS OF 2014 AS AMENDED, CONTEMPLATED IN TERMS OF 24 (J) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT 107 OF 1998), THAT TSHWANTSHO TRADING (PTY) LTD PROPOSES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A FILLING STATION AT A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE FARM BIERKRAAL, 134 JP, MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

Proponent: Tshwantsho Trading (Pty) Ltd
Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP):

Boswa Environmental Consulting
Proposed Activity:
• Tshwantsho Trading proposed the development of a filling station at a certain portion of the farm Bierkraal, 143 JP, Moses Kotane Local Municipality, North West Province. The proposed storage capacity is 100 000 litres (100 cubic meters).

The following activity is identified which requires a Basic Assessment to be conducted:
The following listed activities will be triggered in terms of General Notice 327 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014 (as amended):

• **Activity 14:**
The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.

The following listed activities will be triggered in terms of General Notice 325 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014 (as amended):

• **Activity 12:**
The clearance of an area of 300 square meters or more of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.

h. North West
iv. Critical Biodiversity Areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority;

Coordinates:
25° 4' 15.94" S, 26° 55' 56.47" E

In terms of the requirements of the EIA regulations, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register and be part of the basic assessment process. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register their names on the database and send their comments and/or objections in writing within 30 days from the date of this advert. A Draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days. Please contact the EAP on the details below:

Boswa Environmental Consulting,
Tsholofelo Motlhaga,
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Email: tsholofelo@boswaenvironmental.com,
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Fax to Email: 086 747 1117.



CURRIEBEKER 2022

Pumas vs Bulls

In Nelspruit skop die 2022 Curriebeker seisoen af in lekker-Laeveld reën ou grote. Die Bulle wen gemaklik met 33-19. Die Bulle se nuwe *coach*, Gert Smal, het verras om van die Bulle se Ultimate Rugby Championship spelers te gebruik vir die *game*. Seker maar om 'n stewige begin vir die seisoen in te kry. Mens sal maar moet sien hoe die Bulle sonder die spelers teen die WP gaan vaar...

Die Bulle het voorlans oorheers en het veral in die vaste skrum die Pumas laat knor. Die Pumas se dissipline was ook nie op standaard nie en het baie onnodige strafskoppe afgestaan.

Cheetahs vs Griekwas

In die Rosestad klop die Cheetahs die Griekwas 30-20. *Coach* Hawies Fourie is seker nie baie opgewonde oor die oorwinning nie, want die tuisspan het baie verroes gelyk en sal vinnig hul sokkies moet optrek om saam met die groot honne te wil blaf. Ruan Pienaar het vyftien punte aangeteken met sy skopskoen. Pienaar is ook die *cappie* van die Cheetahs. Springbok François Steyn het op binnesenter vir die Blikore uitgedraf en kan tevrede voel met sy vertoning.

WP vs Lions

In Kaapstad begin die Leeus se seisoen maar rampspoedig. Die WP klop hulle 48-36 in 'n drieë-fees. Dertien drieë word gedruk en drie daarvan vir die debutant vir die WP se Angelo Davids. Die gewese Blitsbok het lus gelyk vir rugby en gaan nog ander spanne hoofbrekens gee die seisoen. Die gewese Hacjivah Dayimani het op agsteman vir die WP uitgeblink.

Die Leeus het 'n baie jong span met baie veggees maar sal beslis nie 'n *pushover* wees nie. Dertien spelers het hulle debuut vir die Leeus gemaak op Saterdag. Teen druktyd is die tweede ronde gespeel

- Lions vs Pumas
- Sharks vs Griekwas
- WP vs Bulls

Nag ou grote...





Impala rugby club coach Joel Sherman (left) and chairman Wynand Burger are optimistic about a successful season.

Impala eyes Gold Cup glory

Rustenburg – Impala Rugby Club management and players are excited about the 2022 rugby season and the prospect of competing in the prestigious Gold Cup once again. The club – which coasted to a 37-31 victory over Durbanville-Bellville to win the 2019 Gold Cup in front of a packed home crowd on Sunday 7 April 2019 – are eligible to compete in the tournament once again after bouncing back into the Carleton League. They were promoted to this league after finishing second to Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) in the 2021 President’s League. “We are waiting for our sponsors to finalise everything, but I am sure we will be competing in the Gold Cup this year. This is a huge achievement for the club,” club chairman Wynand Burger told *Platinum Weekly*. While training sessions have already commenced, the club will only start playing warm up games in February. “On 12 February, we have a warm-up game against Centurion in Pretoria, which will help both clubs to get into shape,” Burger explained. Apart from the chance of having a crack at the Gold Cup, competing in the Carleton League means that the club now has to field their first, second and third teams during matches.

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2 Lucky Winners!

The prize...
Each one of the lucky winners will receive a two-night midweek stay at Cabanas, Sun City, valued at over R7,000 for two people. Breakfast is included and access to the Valley of Waves. This is for each winner, who can take one person along.

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Share a message why you need a romantic getaway during February's month of love and stand a chance to win with Sun City and Platinum Weekly.
• Send your message via WhatsApp to 081 821 1332.
• Supply both your cell number and email address when entering.

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Sun City

RULES: • The prizes are not transferable for cash. • The winner can redeem the prize in February 2022, or alternatively it is valid for six months, subject to availability. Please note that peak season includes Easter weekend during April 2022 so availability may not be accessible during this time. • Platinum Weekly will contact the winners and their names and photos will be published in the newspaper. • Terms and conditions apply.

Grooming future football stars today

Rustenburg – Rustenburg Athletico Football Club, hoping for another successful season, have started conducting training sessions at Impala Rugby Stadium. Last year the team fielded an under 13, under 15 and under 17 team in the Rustenburg Junior League. All three teams performed quite well in their respective age groups against the 9 other clubs they competed against. Club manager and coach Shimmy Ntlaba told *Platinum Weekly* that the league aims to promote a healthy lifestyle and to encourage young people living in and around Rustenburg to excel in their schoolwork. “Last season was a very successful one because, apart from the games, we also managed to assist our players, most of whom are still at school, with their homework,” Ntlaba said. “Our u/15 team won their league last year after managing 36 points while the u/13 team finished second in their competition. Our u/17 team finished a commendable third, so we are quite happy with the performance of all our players,” he added. With the 2022 league matches only due to begin in March, the club has invited young people interested in the sport for trials. “Anyone who fits the three age groups is welcome to train with us. We have players from Sunrise Park, Boitekong, Tlhabane and other areas but we are always on the lookout for more players. We do not have a girls’ team at the moment, but we are in the process of establishing a netball team,” Ntlaba said.

The club hold their training sessions from Mondays to Fridays at Impala Rugby Stadium from 15:30 to 17:30.

For more information contact Shimmy Ntlaba on 078 067 5016.



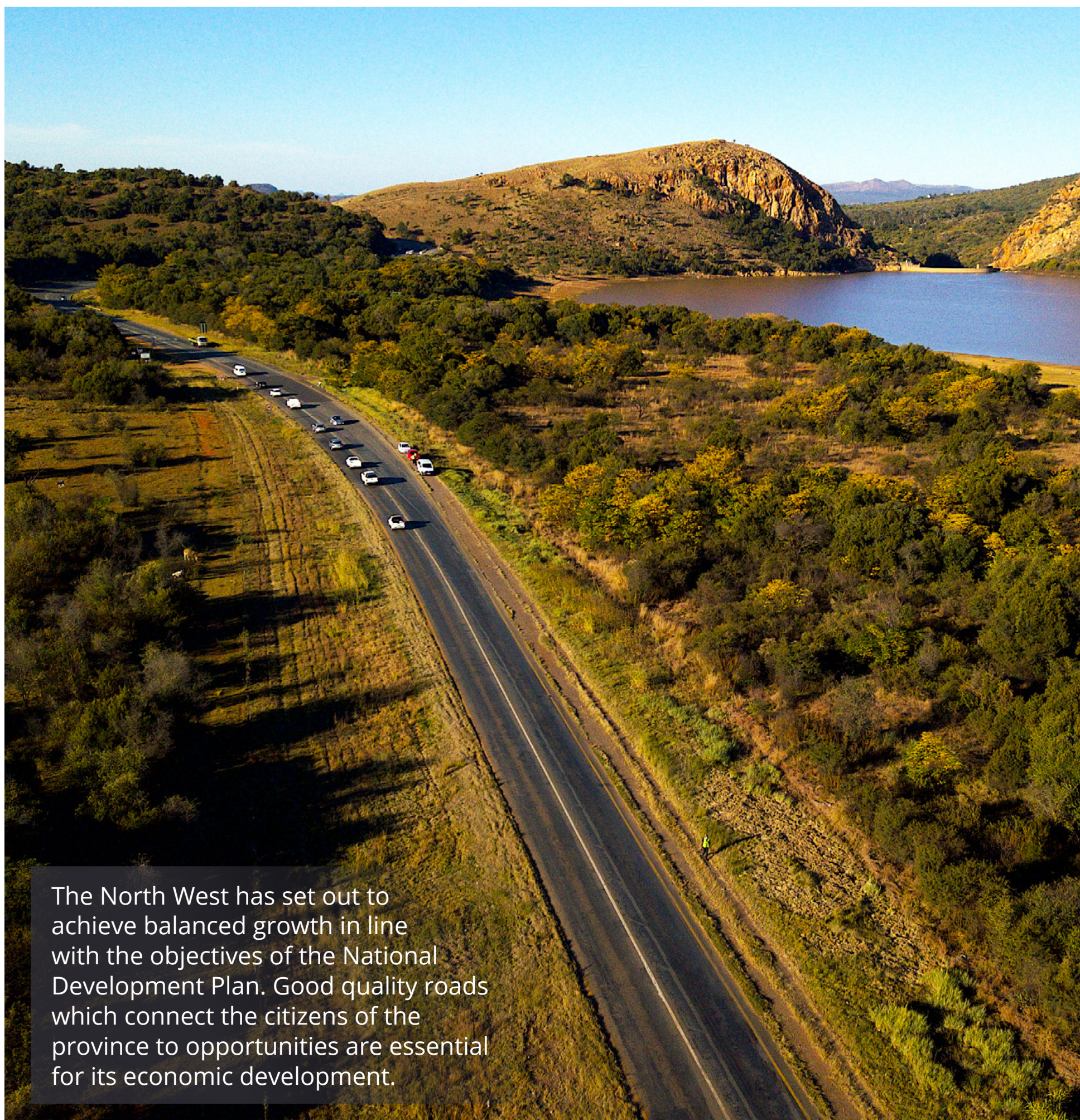
Rustenburg Athletico Football Club manager Shimmy Ntlaba is optimistic about the new season.



2021

NORTH WEST

Produced by **SANRAL**



The North West has set out to achieve balanced growth in line with the objectives of the National Development Plan. Good quality roads which connect the citizens of the province to opportunities are essential for its economic development.



Message from the Acting CEO

Over the past few years the South African Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) has made a deliberate effort to contribute to the country in ways that are beyond building roads. Roads are important for economic development, but they cannot exist or be built in isolation. They must take into consideration the living conditions of the communities they pass through. They must play a role in uplifting those communities.

For more than 18 months, South Africans have been gripped by a pandemic of enormous proportions. The COVID-19 virus, in all its mutations, has not only taken lives at will, but has also taken away the livelihoods of many. The pandemic has not helped the situation in South Africa, where we were already suffering from a severe economic crisis.

It is against this background that the President announced his Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan last year and, in his State of the Nation Address this year, he announced the Infrastructure Investment Plan. This Plan identifies roads projects worth R19 billion covering the spine of the South African road network, most of which fall under SANRAL. The President said that these

infrastructure projects will lead to the revival of the construction industry and much-needed jobs.

National roads pass through provinces, and the North West is already benefitting from the new investment in roads and roads infrastructure. Communities in the North West are also benefitting.

In this edition of *Hello North West* we look at several routine road maintenance (RRM) projects worth millions of rands, which are vital for ensuring that our roads are well-maintained. They also provide a lifeline to many poor communities.

These projects include the R24 from Rustenburg to the Gauteng Province border, R52 from Koster to N4 Rustenburg, and R30 from the JB Marks Municipal border to Olifantsnek, and the two RRM projects which cover 155.70km on the N14 section 9, N18 sections 4 and 5 and R31 section 1, and 163.50km on the N14 section 8, and N18 sections 2 and 3.

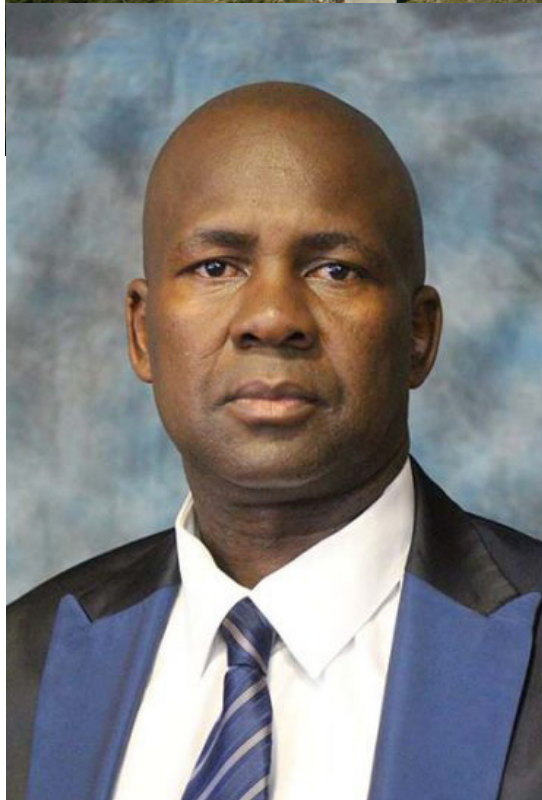
We realise the pressure that is on the provincial government to provide jobs in a struggling national economy. In this way, SANRAL provides a lifeline to the province through SMME contracting and job creation.

LEHLOHONOLO PITSE

Acting Chief Executive Officer
SANRAL



Message from the MEC



SELLO LEHARI

Member of the Executive Council
North West Department of Community Safety and
Transport Management

A Promoting community and road safety through community mobilization, positively influencing road user behaviour through safety awareness and traffic law enforcement is part of our mission. This of course means once our people once are complying with road rules, will ultimately appreciate the quality road network that SANRAL is continuously bundling and maintaining.

As we exit the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for the inevitable fourth, we look forward to a time, hopefully soon, when large numbers of our population would have been vaccinated, making it possible for Provinces like the North West to once again become a popular tourist destination in the country.

Mining, tourism commerce and agriculture continue to be among the priorities as we rebuild our economy. Efficient transport plays an important role in ensuring that we deliver on our economic promises as we strive to improve not only the quality of life but livelihood of the citizens.

The vision of the provincial Department of Community Safety and Transport Management is "safe communities

and effective transport services". Our mission is that "we are committed to promote community and road safety, exercise civilian oversight of police and coordinate transport services through an integrated approach".

We try very hard, with limited resources but enduring commitment from our staff, to promote road safety and to ensure that our public transport services are as efficient as possible.

We thank SANRAL for the sterling work as they continue to plan, construct and maintain the primary network in our province. We also have to thank them for the role they are playing, as our partners, in contributing to the growth, economic transformation and the upliftment of the poorest of our communities.

We are looking forward with great interest at the improvements on, among others, the R52 which, once completed, will have a great impact on job creation, small business development and community development in the province.

Like SANRAL, we also believe that local communities should benefit from major projects that come to or pass through their areas. This is the only way to ensure sustainable economic development in these areas.



Pampoennek Road is complete

The N4 link (Pampoennek) project in Madibeng Local Municipality, North West has successfully been completed, signalling free-flowing traffic for motorists as well as economic growth for the province.

The road is an important transport artery for the country and provides a link to the Magaliesburg mountain range for those travelling from Tshwane and Johannesburg to the North West province, directly connecting to the N4 Bakwena highway which forms part of the trans-Kalahari corridor.

“An efficient, integrated and well-maintained road network plays a critical role in unlocking economic growth and development, in connecting people and in promoting spatial integration. Roads are an integral part of South Africa’s transport system, an important infrastructure enabling economic activity and access to social amenities, among others,” said Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula at the launch of the Pampoennek Road in September 2020.

This 30-month project, which started in April 2017, not only contributed to creating employment, but will facilitate ongoing tourism and investment in Madibeng Local Municipality.

Expansion of South Africa’s road network plays a vital role in increasing capacity. The mobility provided by the Pampoennek Road and other national roads across the country encourages economic activity and growth.

The Pampoennek project also proves that it is possible to transform the construction industry and to have effective community participation in SANRAL projects.

Key project information



CONTRACTOR:

Aveng-Lubocon Joint Venture



PROJECT VALUE:

R312,929,168.12 was allocated for **construction**.

R74,601,463.94 went to 12 local small, medium, and micro-sized enterprises (SMMEs) in Madibeng Local Municipality for **subcontracting**.



JOB:

A total of **209 permanent local** full-time jobs were created.



IN-SERVICE TRAINING:

was provided to **180 people** by accredited training service providers at a cost of **R430,855.25**.



Work on R511 employs 39 local SMMEs

Road rehabilitation projects are critical to the strengthening and improvement of existing roads. They play a crucial role in conservation of the road system, and also provide job opportunities and skills development for small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs).

The partial reconstruction of National Road R511 section 3 is one such project. It commenced in January 2019, and its anticipated completion date was adjusted from September 2020 to September 2021 for reasons that include the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

As required by the SANRAL contract, NZK Footprint Engineering CC, the appointed contractor, ensured that 20% (R29,755,175.42) of the contract value was allocated to local subcontractors. NZK was able to achieve and exceed this target by appointing and spending on 39 local subcontractors.

One of the local SMMEs involved in this project was Omphile Botlhale Enterprises Pty Ltd, founded in 2014 by Piet Mnisi due to his passion for construction. His company had a total of six staff that were part of the project.

Mnisi said “My proudest moment included overcoming the challenges I was faced with and ensuring that the quality of work the team delivered remained up to standard. I am also proud of making a contribution towards job creation and the growth that I experienced as a leader.”

He encourages SMMEs looking to be involved in SANRAL projects to remain resilient, as the industry brings

challenges. He also emphasises that it is important not to be afraid to fail, as this is a critical step in learning.

Another SMME involved on the project is the RAK Group, a 100% black-owned and proudly South African company founded in 2017. The RAK Group’s aim was to take advantage of opportunities made available to young, ambitious, and capable individuals within the road construction industry. A total of 11 staff members were involved on partial reconstruction of the R511 section 3.

Joint owner of RAK Group Amogelang Molapo says that one of the main challenges they came across as a local SMME subcontracted to work on the R511 was the impact of managing the late delivery of concrete. “This has a significant effect on us as a relatively new SMME on a project of this nature; it meant a potential delay in the work being carried out. Another critical challenge was managing our staff on the ground. We also sometimes did not receive our main supplies on time.

“The impact of the hard lockdown posed a serious threat for us as a local SMME, as the site was closed to curb the spread of coronavirus. The jobs of our staff were at risk because there was no work.”

She reports that a key highlight of working on this project was having the opportunity to master their craft on the scope of work provided to them. Molapo’s advice to other SMMEs wanting to follow in their footsteps is as follows: “Be eager to learn, have discipline and be passionate about what you do. Deliver your utmost best, ensuring that your client is satisfied with the work you have carried out.”

Key project information

- PROJECT NAME:**
Partial reconstruction of **National Road R511 section 3** from D2720 (km 10.6) to Beestekraal (km 36.2)
- COMMENCEMENT DATE:**
14 January 2019
- PROJECT DURATION:**
18 months
- ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE:**
September 2021 (due to impact of national lockdown)
- CONTRACT VALUE:**
R171,092,258.77 (incl. VAT)
- APPOINTED ENGINEERING CONSULTANT:**
KBK Engineers (Pty) Ltd
- APPOINTED CONTRACTOR:**
NZK Footprint Engineering CC
- TOTAL SPEND ON SUBCONTRACTING:**
R32,961,057.66



Where the tyres hit the road

Planning road maintenance

While Routine Road Maintenance (RRM) is an activity that has a strong drive and focuses on employing local SMMEs to do the work, the planning for a maintenance project is just as important.

Before an appointed contractor goes out to tender on RRM activities, there is a great deal of planning by consulting engineers appointed by SANRAL. Their key mandate is to conduct audits and studies of the road to determine what maintenance works need to be done.

Anzatshilidzi Ramovha is studying Civil Engineering at Vaal University of Technology, and is a SANRAL student engineer working on project NRA-X002-123-2019/1. Ramovha's key responsibility is to monitor the progress of the project while acquiring new learning opportunities and skillsets.

He says "Theory is the basis of any activity within road construction. However, this is not enough. One still needs to gain practical experience – hence training on the construction site is very important. During SANRAL's training programme I have the opportunity to develop my practical skills in many ways."

Road construction takes teamwork, which Ramovha has been a part of. "It needs communication between the team members. The contractor and consultant teams communicate with each other in order to run their activities effectively. The project will not attain the required standard if there is no communication within the team, and the project will not be completed within the specified time."

He adds that being a team player is essential: "Almost all activities in road maintenance need teamwork. For example, when we consider the construction of pavement layers (patching), it needs the cooperation of the machine operator, foreman, grade checkers, labour, and work inspector."

Tshepiso Matsime is an engineering graduate with a BTech Civil Engineering degree and is Assistant Route Manager on the project.

She says her core responsibilities on the project are both technical and administrative. "The technical aspects of the project involve inspecting the road network, the planning of urgent maintenance works, budgeting, providing oversight of on-site work and inspecting of completed works for quality control. My administrative duties include keeping SANRAL's Site Management System up to date."

Matsime says one of her key highlights on the project is the biannual bridge inspection she recently carried out. "Bridges are spectacular engineering marvels in my opinion, and these structural inspections have afforded me not only the opportunity to see the visual beauty of these structures, but also to realise the importance of ensuring that they remain structurally safe for the motorist."

She acknowledges that her growth and development on the project are the result of teamwork and communication. "The success of every project depends on the ability of the team to work as one, and communication is a key aspect of that."

Key project information

CONTRACT DESCRIPTION:

RRM of National Road N14 from Vryburg to Tswaing municipal border, N18 from Vryburg to Ratlou municipal border and R34 from Vryburg to Mamusa municipal border

PROJECT NUMBER:

X.002-123-2019/1

TOTAL DISTANCE:

Route No.	Section No.	Description	Kilometre		Length (km)
			Start	End	
N14	9	Vryburg to Tswaing Municipal border	0.00	48.20	48.20
N18	4	Vryburg to Stella	0.00	46.60	46.60
N18	5	Stella to Ratlou Municipal border	0.00	20.20	20.20
R34	1	Vryburg to Mamusa Municipal border	0.00	40.70	40.70
TOTAL					155.70

SCOPE OF WORK (INCLUDES BUT NOT LIMITED TO):

- Replace km markers
- Repair of edge breaks
- Bleeding repair
- Pavement layer repairs
- Texture correction
- Repair and maintenance of inlet and outlet structures
- Cleaning and maintenance of existing earth channels
- Concrete channel construction and maintenance of existing channels
- Construct wing and head walls
- Fencing
- Replace damaged gates

SANRAL Projects to boost NW SMMEs

The South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) is playing its role in ensuring that small, medium, and micro-sized enterprises (SMMEs), community members and civil society have access to opportunities that could potentially change their lives.

The Agency's estimated value of construction projects within the Bojanala District and in the Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality is R740,000,000.

"The tender process started in March 2021. Actual construction will begin in September 2021 and continue for 42 months until March 2025," said SANRAL's Northern Region Project Manager for construction Sam Mboshane.

The nature of the work to be carried out under this contract includes:

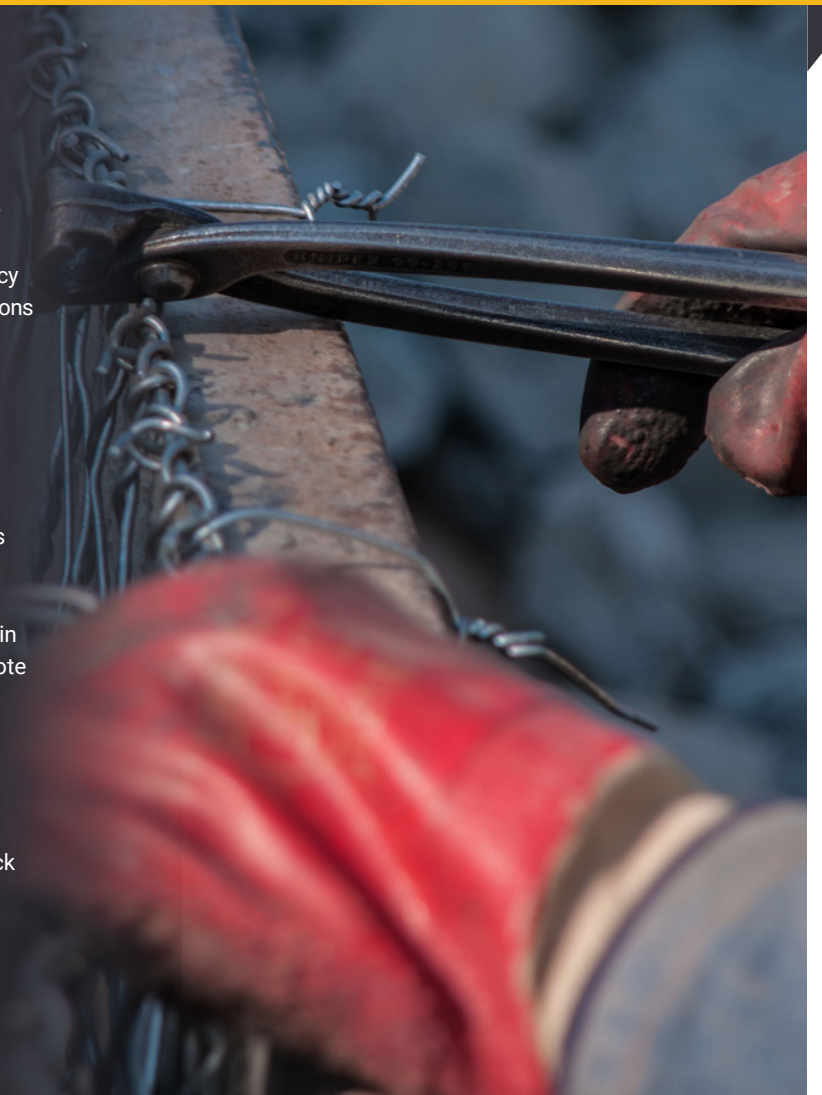
- Cleaning of all drainage structures.
- Regular removal of grass and debris from grids.
- Clearing bridge drainage ports and scuppers.
- Pavement layers repairs.
- Repairing damaged road signs.

When SANRAL visited the area at a 'Taking SANRAL to the People' stakeholder engagement event in October 2020 it shared details of Routine Road Maintenance (RRM) projects with SMMEs, community members and civil society. The agency provided a comprehensive overview of its operations as well as current and upcoming projects.

SANRAL Northern Region's project manager for RRM Gertrude Soko provided information on projects on the R24 from Rustenburg to the Gauteng province border, R52 from Koster to N4 Rustenburg, and the R30 from the JB Marks municipal border to Olifantsnek.

"RRM projects within the Bojanala District and in the Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality will promote growth, mobilise investment, create jobs and empower citizens with skills," said Soko.

SANRAL aims to maximise the number of jobs created on projects across its road network, especially for targeted groups that include black women and youth to help address the high unemployment rate in South Africa.



Road Projects bring hope



Two Routine Road Maintenance (RRM) projects to the value of R116 million will see small, medium, and micro-sized enterprises (SMMEs) accessing economic development opportunities and create much-needed jobs for the people of Naledi Local Municipality in the North West, over the next three years.

SANRAL announced that the contracts allow for 50% – that is, R58 million – to benefit SMMEs.

The two RRM projects cover 155.70km on the N14 section 9, N18 sections 4 and 5 and R31 section 1, and 163.50km on the N14 section 8, N18 section 2, and N18 section 3. The main contractor, Razzmatazz, was appointed in November 2020. The scope of work includes general road maintenance of the road reserve, grass cutting, stormwater drainage, fencing, road signs, and pothole or road surface repairs.

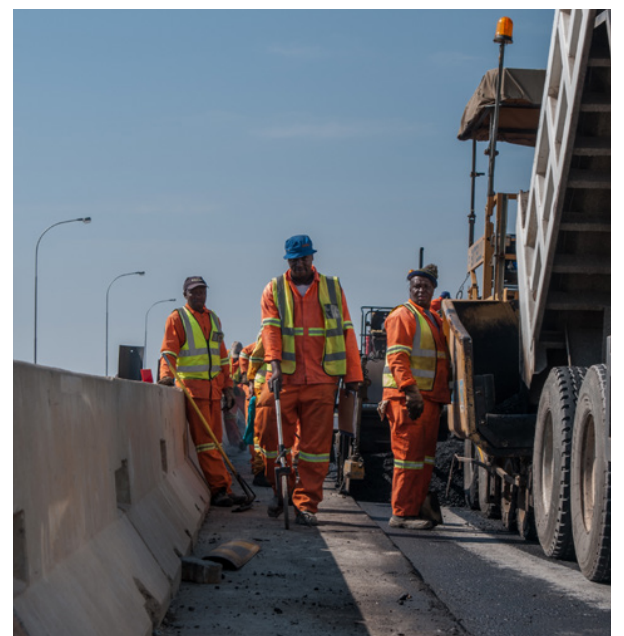
"We understand that the tendering process can be challenging, particularly for start-ups, and as such all contracts have a training component that is geared to mentor, train, develop and capacitate subcontractors," said SANRAL Project Manager in the Northern Region Luyanda Mashaba.

SANRAL engaged with the community and SMMEs in Vryburg during its flagship 'Taking SANRAL to the People' programme in 2020.

During the engagement Acting Mayor for Naledi Local Municipality, Councillor Lukas Ekkelton, expressed his gratitude to SANRAL for sharing information with all relevant stakeholders. He was particularly pleased about the positive impact that the projects would have on small businesses and local labour in the region.

SANRAL remains committed to SMME development and community engagement in the quest to transform the industry, and its overall strategy is aligned with the government's National Development Plan.

"Apart from SANRAL sharing vital project information with the audience, this engagement session was an opportunity for robust and frank discussions, which afforded our stakeholders a platform to voice their concerns and seek clarity on terms of project participation. We are satisfied that we have addressed these and remain open to ongoing engagement in a bid to facilitate genuine transformation that will allow SMMEs to grow and prosper," said SANRAL Stakeholder Coordinator for the Northern Region Jullecsia Saul.



Role of the Project Liaison Committee and Project Liaison Officer

It is crucial to form a Project Liaison Committee (PLC) and appoint a Project Liaison Officer (PLO) on SANRAL projects, since both assist with the smooth running of projects across all provinces – especially as they impact on local communities.

The PLC consists of local members representing the project’s stakeholders and the communities affected by the project, as well as SMMEs. It includes individuals from the following sectors:

- Traditional leaders
- Provincial authority
- District authorities
- Local authorities
- Registered community-based organisations such as road transport forums, women’s organisations, as well as organisations representing persons with disabilities
- Safety councils, etc.
- Department of Labour centres.

In addition to the above, there is also representation from SANRAL, which would include the project manager, PLO, engineer and route manager.

The PLC is the official channel through which communication with project stakeholders and affected communities is carried out. This is also how project stakeholders and affected communities

communicate with the project team on the impact that the project has on them, or is anticipated to have on them, or on any other project matter.

The PLO is the person who acts as the liaison officer for the project. The PLO facilitates the selection of targeted labour to be employed by the contractor and attends to the day-to-day project, stakeholder and community matters that impact on the parties to the PLC.

Some of the key duties expected of a PLO include securing labourers for the appointed contractor and subcontractors on a project, in collaboration with the local municipality and the Department of Labour. The PLO is also vital in identifying relevant training opportunities for targeted labourers and provides language translation services during engagements with the community.

Lastly, the PLO is also expected to conduct the relevant stakeholder intelligence gathering within the concerned communities and to ensure that the project management team is fully aware of these.

By establishing a PLC and appointing a PLO, SANRAL can work collaboratively with key communities that lie along their road network within the North West. This ensures that all processes are fair, transparent and benefit the community.



Road Safety

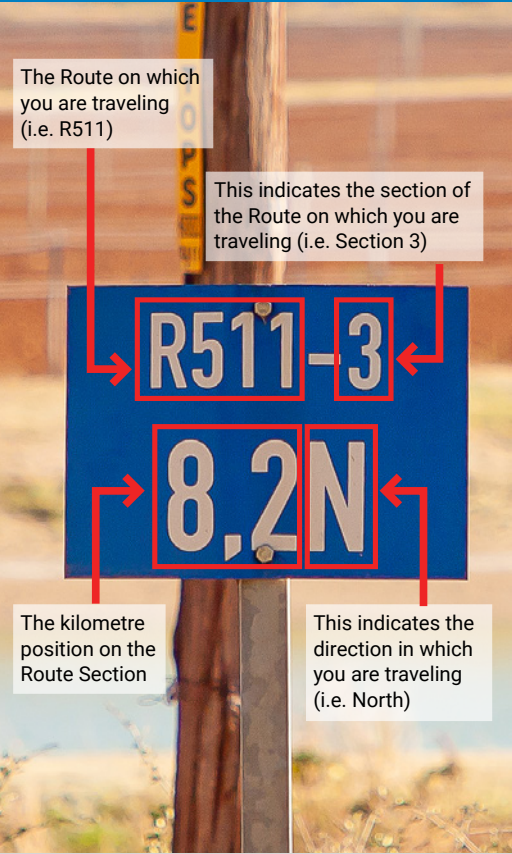
Test your knowledge

Do you know what route marker boards are and their importance?

Have you asked yourself: What do the blue signage plates next to the national roads, like the N1, N2 and N6, mean?

The route marker boards are significant to road users. The road user would pinpoint the location for the emergency services by providing the details on the marker closest to him on the National Road. He should find this information by merely moving 100 metres to the left or right.

Route Marker Board



R511-3:

R511 – indicates the road/route on which you are travelling, while the 3 (next to the R511) shows the section of the N3 on which you are travelling.

8,2 N:

8,2 – indicates the kilometre position on the route section

N – indicates the direction in which you are travelling, for example, the north direction

The elevation of road safety is a national priority and SANRAL has a clearly defined role to provide safe roads and infrastructure and play a prominent part in road safety education and awareness. The roads agency makes an essential contribution to road safety through the provision of safe roads. SANRAL encourages safe behaviour among all road users, whether drivers, passengers or pedestrians.

SANRAL tackles sinkholes

SANRAL has appointed consulting engineers to assess the sinkholes and design a repair solution to rehabilitate the N12 National Route section 16 road reserve.

“During 2015 several sinkholes developed within and adjacent to the N12 National Route in the vicinity of Stilfontein. Further sinkhole activity occurred within the sinkhole rehabilitation area in 2019. The sinkholes developed partially within the road reserve under the jurisdiction of SANRAL and on land under the jurisdiction of the City of Matlosana. The area is continually monitored for any significant surface ground movement, occurrence of further sinkholes and ground instability,” said SANRAL Northern Region project manager for construction Layton Leseane.

“The cause of a sinkhole may most likely be related to ageing bulk water services infrastructure and the effect of consequent damage inflicted by mining-induced tremors that occurred in the 2014 to 2019 period. A

site inspection in August 2019 revealed further ground movement due to continuation of water leaks in the bulk water infrastructure within the N12 sinkhole rehabilitation area,” he added.

Layton highlighted that sinkhole activity on the N12 National Route has raised major concerns about the safety of road users.

The rehabilitation will take about six months to complete, and the estimated contract value is R45 million.

SANRAL is working on the scope of works for two rehabilitation options, as well as compiling tender documentation for them, after which the sinkholes on the N12 will be rehabilitated.

In many cases, sinkholes don’t form suddenly — they build up slowly over many months or years. Signs indicating a looming sinkhole include fresh cracks in or outside the road and depressions in the ground.



Quick facts about sinkholes

1. Sinkholes are cavities in the ground that form when water erodes an underlying rock layer.
2. In South Africa, sinkholes occur in areas underlain by dolomite rock. The instability might result from natural processes but is also caused by human activities such as poorly managed surface water drainage and groundwater level drawdowns.
3. Heavy rainfall, floods and a few minor earthquakes caused by either mining activity or natural causes may trigger sinkholes.
4. About 25% of Gauteng and parts of the North West, Limpopo and the Northern Cape are underlain by dolomite.

Routine road maintenance in Moses Kotane

Implementation of routine road maintenance project well underway in Moses Kotane municipality. Good progress has been made on the implementation of the routine road maintenance (RRM) project in Moses Kotane Local Municipality, the South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) said during its flagship Taking SANRAL to the People stakeholder engagement session recently.

“The routine maintenance is for three roads, the R510 national road from Rustenburg to the Limpopo border, R556 national road from R510 intersection to R565 intersection, and R565 national road from Rustenburg to R556 intersection,” said Fulufhelo Luruli, SANRAL Northern Region project manager.

The roads agency confirmed that Shonisani Rambau Construction was appointed as the contractor in November 2020.

“The sub-contracting tender advertisement has now closed, the appointed contractor is in progress with the evaluation process, some of the opportunities to evaluate include the procurement processes and level of jobs this three-year contract will create, as well as setting targets for skills development. SANRAL will sublet 50% of the contract value to targeted SMMEs for sub-contracting. Opportunities are available for local SMMEs (CIDB 1 to 4) for sub-contracting,” said Luruli.

RRM projects enable SANRAL to maximise the number of jobs created, especially for the youth and vulnerable groups that include black women and people with disabilities.

The local SMMEs and the communities who attended the engagement were able to seek clarity regarding how SANRAL is deciding about the 50% contract value aimed at local SMMEs for sub-contracting. They also wanted to know if SANRAL will target the local resources available in Moses Kotane municipality for this project. SANRAL confirmed that sub-contracting opportunities are targeted at local resources.

SANRAL Northern region stakeholder coordinator, Jullecsia Saul, provided clarity of how this works. “If the main contractor is a black female, the main contractor will get 60% of the project and 40% will go for the sub-contracting; if the main contractor is a black male, the main contractor will get 50% and 50% gets sub-contracted; if the main contractor is a white male or female, the main contractor gets 40% and 60% gets sub-contracted to the community,” said Saul. “For the RRM projects in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality, 50% will be sub-contracted to the community because the main contractor, Shonisani Rambau Construction is a black male-owned company. Tender opportunities for sub-contracting have been advertised and are intended for all SMMEs within the boundaries of Moses Kotane municipality,” Saul explained.

Japhta Mothusi Raphadu attended the engagement in his capacity as the councillor for Ward 16 in Welgewal, Moses Kotane. “I am happy that SANRAL opened the floor to listen to the views of its stakeholders regarding its projects in the municipality. What should happen is to find a way for all parties to meet each other halfway. We all want to see roads such as the R510, R556, R565 and R556



Some of the Moses Kotane municipality community members who attended the 'Taking SANRAL to the People' engagement session hosted by SANRAL.



Targeted SMMEs came out in numbers to the 'Taking SANRAL to the People' engagement session hosted by SANRAL and were able to seek clarity regarding sub-contracting opportunities available.

national roads maintained. SANRAL and the community have to engage continuously to ensure that there is implementation at the end of the day,” said Raphadu.