

**Nthatsi Denies  
Political Meddling  
In CENTLEC**



Page 3

**The Man, The Myth,  
Monacosoul's  
Music**



Page 7

**Mixed spirits as  
Downs, Pirates  
return to CAF**

Page 8

# MATJHABENG INVESTMENT SUMMIT

- **Targets *R100 billion* to Revive Regional Economy**
- **Premier Backs Matjhabeng Growth Drive**
- **Investments set to Spur Job Creation**



**Mmoho - Together - Sisonke - Tesame**

# A BOLD STEP TOWARD REVITALISATION

## Premier Urges Matjhabeng Contractors to Plough Back into Communities



Free State Premier Maqueen Letsoha-Mathae backing Matjhabeng growth drive. Picture: Baagedi Sethlora

**Energy, optimism, and a clear call to action — that's what defined the Matjhabeng Investment Summit. Premier Maqueen Letsoha-Mathae urged those reaping the rewards of development to sow back into the soil of the Free State, turning investment into lasting change.**

By: Abigail Visagie

It was all systems go at the Matjhabeng Investment Summit — a gathering that shimmered with promise and purpose.

And at the heart of it all, Free State Premier Maqueen Letsoha-Mathae added her own spark to what she described as a defining moment for the province's economic revival.

Radiating optimism, Mathae said she was thrilled to witness the declaration of unleashing the economic potential of the Free State take shape.

With stakeholders pledging over R60 billion to support Matjhabeng's proactive investment drive, the premier described the summit as a milestone in the province's pursuit of sustainable growth.

"The Matjhabeng Investment Summit is a testament to the commitment of unleashing the economic potential of the Free State, showcasing the province's dedication to creating an environment conducive to investment and growth," Mathae said.

In her address to investors and municipal leaders, Mathae called for unity of purpose and a renewed focus on strengthening the basics that make business thrive. She reminded the municipality that a prosperous investment climate begins with solid foundations — reliable infrastructure, ethical governance, and clean, well-managed towns.

She stressed that roads, electricity, water, and sanitation were not merely services but the arteries of economic life.

"If we can get these basics right, I can assure you, investors will not hesitate to come flocking to Matjhabeng," she said confidently.

Mathae also commended Matjhabeng's bold approach to sourcing investment, noting that it had already borne fruit with a substantial R5.5 billion commitment from American investors in the energy sector.

"This significant investment aims to transform the Goldfields region into a hub of economic opportunity, aligning with the provincial vision of renewal, action, and inclusive growth," she said.

But the premier's message was not just about attracting outside capital — it was also about responsibility from within.

She reminded contractors working on government projects that they carry a duty to give back to the communities they serve.

"Contractors benefiting from government projects must understand their social responsibility — to plough back into communities and create opportunities for our people," she urged.

Looking ahead, Mathae revealed that the provincial government plans to provide land to the municipality for student accommodation projects — a move set to create jobs, stimulate local enterprise, and strengthen the area's education infrastructure.

The Matjhabeng Investment Summit, she said, is more than a single event — it's a declaration of intent. A call for collaboration, innovation, and inclusion.

A symbol of a province ready to chart a new economic course, powered by shared purpose and community growth.

## Panyani Confident Investments Will Spur Job Creation

By: Abigail Visagie

Matjhabeng Local Municipality's Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Thabo Panyani, has expressed optimism about the pledges made during the annual Matjhabeng Investment Summit, saying they will bring tangible change to local communities.

"We are looking forward to the economic development that has been initiated in our area, especially since it will help curb the high unemployment rate within the community and have a pragmatic impact on local growth," said Panyani.

He emphasised that the funds pledged during the summit will be channelled directly into community projects rather than municipal accounts, ensuring transparency and accountability.

"The funds go straight to the projects. Private companies will implement these initiatives directly, while the municipality's role is to create a conducive environment for investment — not to receive or manage the funds," he explained.

Panyani also addressed political stability and leader-



Matjhabeng Municipality CFO Thabo Panyani. Picture: Baagedi Sethlora

ship continuity within the municipality, saying he has full confidence in Executive Mayor Thanduxolo Khalipa and the systems in place.

"Mayor Khalipa still has another term to serve, and even beyond that, I believe there will be a proper handover. The mayor cares deeply about his people, and his reports are always intact," he said.

He added that the municipality's goal is to ensure that the projects lead to long-term community trans-

formation.

"We will always make sure that we change the lives of communities for generations to come. Such initiatives should not only advance contractors but also benefit the everyday foot soldiers," Panyani said.

The CFO noted that local businesses — especially those in the hospitality sector and small to medium-sized enterprises (SMMEs) — stand to benefit from subcontracting opportunities under major international companies.

He further revealed that the municipality plans to establish a municipal entity that will collaborate with both private investors and communities to ensure mutual benefit.

"For us, it is crucial to create an environment where land approvals are processed faster and service delivery issues are resolved efficiently," he said.

Panyani concluded by reaffirming his confidence in the positive impact of the investment drive:

"We are looking forward to the jobs that will be created and the difference these investments will make in the lives of our people."

## MATJHABENG INVESTMENT

## A RESOUNDING

Over two dynamic days in Welkom, visionary leadership set the way for billions in new investments, job creation, and

By: Abigail Visagie

The Matjhabeng Local Municipality has successfully hosted a groundbreaking Business Investment Summit, marking a significant milestone in the region's drive for economic revival.

Held in Welkom, Free State, from 16 to 17 October, the two-day event drew investors, private sector leaders, and government representatives to one table — all united under a shared vision of revitalising Matjhabeng's economy. The summit is projected to inject up to R100 billion into the local economy, with investors pledging close to R60 billion in direct investments.

Executive Mayor Thanduxolo Khalipa and his council received widespread praise for hosting what many described as a first-of-its-kind initiative. The mayor expressed deep gratitude to the investors for their confidence in the municipality's leadership. "These business investments are economically healthy for the area since this is new money moving through Matjhabeng," said Khalipa.

Khalipa acknowledged the economic challenges brought by the decline of the mining sector, once the backbone of the local economy.

"The legacy of mining gave us a deep skills base and a proud history. However, the structural decline of that industry brought with it significant economic and social challenges, compounded by administrative and financial difficulties," he said.

To address these challenges, the municipality is implementing a court-mandated Financial Recovery



Matjhabeng Local Municipality Executive Mayor Thanduxolo Khalipa.

Plan (FRP) — a framework designed in collaboration with provincial and national treasury to restore governance, transparency, and fiscal discipline.



Deputy Minister in the Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Seiso Mohai. Picture: Baagedi Sethlora

## Deputy Minister in the Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Seiso Mohai

Mohai has lauded the event as a critical step in driving local economic coordination and growth.

By: Abigail Visagie

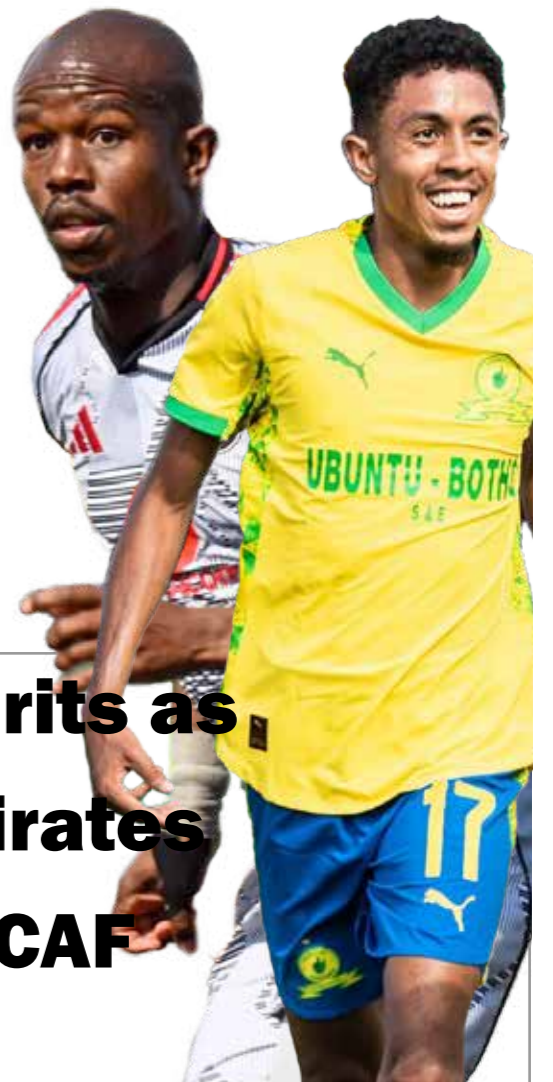
Deputy Minister in the Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Seiso Mohai, expressed confidence in the future of the Free State of South Africa following the Matjhabeng Investment Summit held in Welkom on 16 and 17 October.

Mohai said he was encouraged by the R60 billion worth of investments pledged at the summit, describing the event as a critical step in driving local economic coordination and growth. He emphasised the need for collaboration between the private sector and government to discuss sustainable investment in the Matjhabeng Local Municipality and the Free State at large. "This resonates well with what the

# Mmoho - Together

# Journal NEWS

9 Henri Van Rooijen St, New East End, Bloemfontein, 9300 / Tel: 051 430 0129 / www.journalnews.co.za



## Nthatsi Denies Political Meddling In CENTLEC



Page 3

## The Man, The Myth, Monacosoul's Music



Page 7

## Mixed spirits as Downs, Pirates return to CAF

Page 8

## Mogotsi's Freedom Would Be a Major Travesty - Criminologist



Controversial North West businessman Brown Mogotsi. Picture: SABC

By: JN Reporter

Controversial North West businessman Brown Mogotsi, long implicated in high-profile investigations, has once again come under the spotlight — this time after the African National Congress (ANC) alleged that he has been scamming people by selling party memberships, despite his own membership having expired in 2020 and never being renewed.

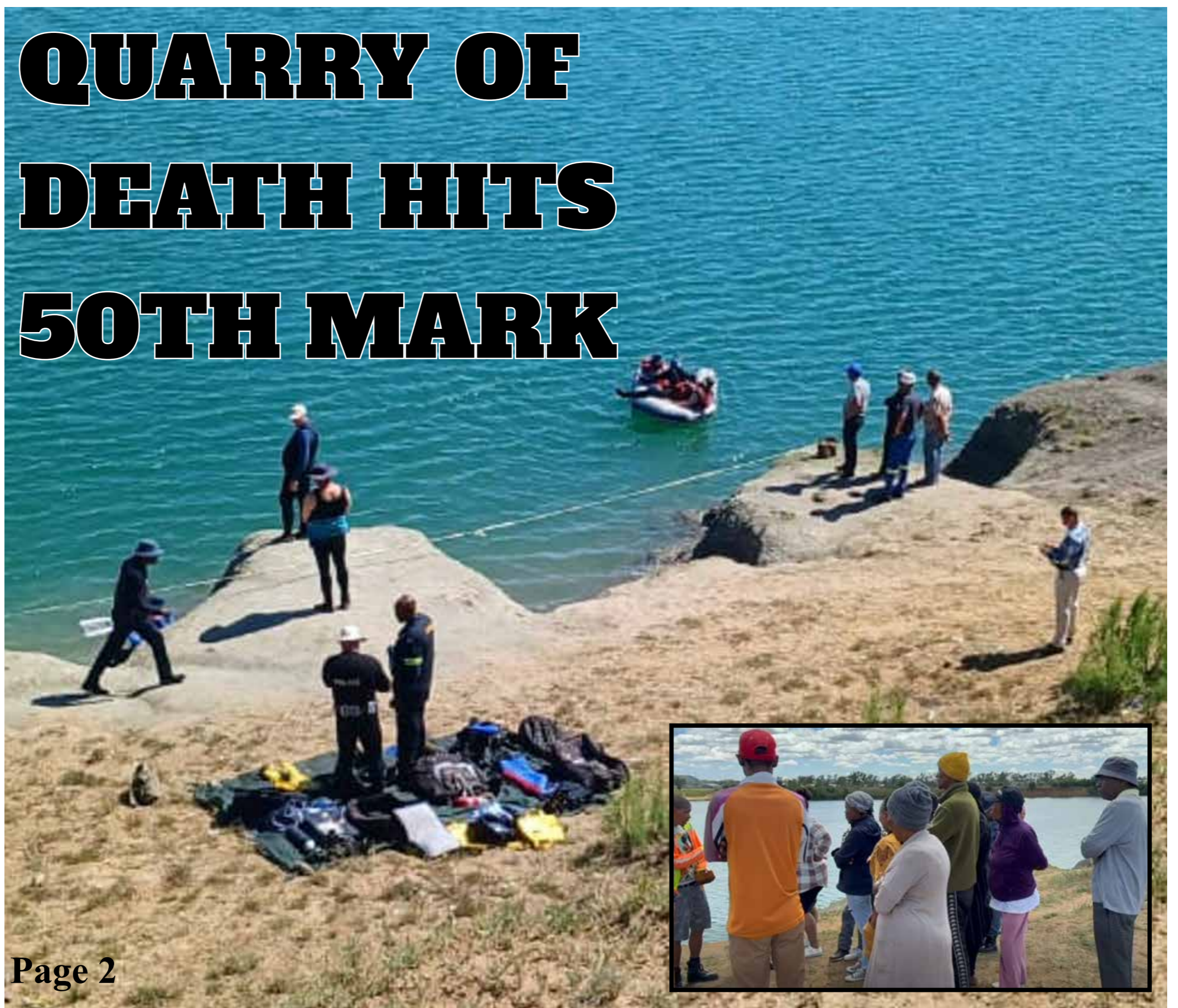
Earlier this year, media reports revealed that Mogotsi's alleged criminal behaviour dates back as far as 2011, when he was charged with defeating the ends of justice and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (GBH), among other offences.

Mogotsi made headlines again in July after he was accused of having ties with alleged underworld figure Vusimuzi Matlala and Minister of Police Senzo Mchunu — allegations made by KwaZulu-Natal Police Commissioner Lt-Gen Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi, who claimed such associations have allowed criminals to infiltrate the justice system.

According to Professor Nirmala Gopal, a criminology lecturer at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Mogotsi's recurring appearance in corruption investigations suggests a clear pattern.

Continues on Page 2

# QUARRY OF DEATH HITS 50TH MARK



Page 2

Police divers at the Heidedal Quarry. Picture: SAPS. (Insert) Heidedal community members during the search for Benjamin van Wyk at the quarry. Picture: Supplied

**REACH**  
Thousands of Engaged Readers by Advertising **WITH US**



**RELIABLE**  
Trusted by loyal readers for credible news and updates.



**TARGETED REACH**  
Connect with local customers actively engaged in your community.



**AFFORDABILITY**  
Cost-effective ad options designed to fit any business budget.

## Mogosi's Freedom Would Be a Major Travesty – Criminologist

Continues from Page 1

"Logically, this indicates a growing perception that he is a corrupt individual. For instance, he was found at Matlala's house on the day of Matlala's arrest — and many question the plausibility of his explanation for being there. Just because he hasn't faced significant public scrutiny doesn't mean people believe his version of events. Consequently, his credibility as both a citizen and a former political figure is now under serious question," she said.

Following testimonies before both the Ad Hoc Portfolio Committee and the Madlanga Commission, new disturbing probabilities about Mogosi's alleged criminal involvement have emerged — raising serious concerns about the integrity of the country's justice institutions.

Professor Gopal further noted that the evidence presented points to Mogosi's active participation.

"In light of this evidence, it seems increasingly likely — rather than merely possible — that he is part of a sophisticated syndicate that has effectively infiltrated the criminal justice system. This situation deeply undermines public confidence in the impartiality of justice," she added. "If Mogosi is not arrested once tangible evidence linking him to criminal acts or defeating the ends of justice is found, it would be a huge travesty for South Africa's democracy," Gopal concluded.

This follows a recent police raid at Mogosi's business premises in Seweding Village, Mahikeng, in the North West.

National police spokesperson Athlenda Mathe confirmed that officers visited Mogosi's property as part of an ongoing investigation previously discussed before the Ad Hoc Committee and the Madlanga Commission.

According to Mathe, police were searching for confidential police documents and electronic devices believed to be in Mogosi's possession.

Mogosi was not present at the time of the raid, when officers descended on his bottle store in Mahikeng, reportedly looking for documents linked to Crime Intelligence.

# Quarry of Death Hits 50th Mark



Police divers at the Heidedal Quarry. Picture: SAPS. (Insert) The latest victim of Quarry of death Benjamin Van Wyk. Picture: Supplied

By: Abigail Visagie

The infamous quarry outside Bloemfontein, long dubbed the "Quarry of Death," has claimed its 50th victim following the recovery of a body this week — reigniting public outrage over negligence and government inaction to secure the site.

This follows the death of 20-year-old Benjamin van Wyk, who drowned last week in an estimated 50-metre-deep section of the Witherow Dam quarry, marking him as the 50th victim. His body resurfaced seven days later — on Thursday — after an extensive search and rescue operation by the South African Police Service (SAPS) diving unit and the Heidedal community.

According to reports, Van Wyk and two friends had gone swimming last Thursday when tragedy struck. He reportedly jumped into the water but was quickly overwhelmed and drowned.

Family spokesperson Yvonne Machakela described the mood at the Van Wyk home as somber and filled with disbelief after his body was recovered.

"The atmosphere was eerie. Benjamin's mother, Elizabeth, only broke down once his lifeless body was found by the SAPS diving unit," Machakela said.

She added that while the family is heartbroken, there is a sense of relief that his body was finally found. "Now that reality is sinking in, we are reminded of how obedient and warm-hearted Benjamin was. He will be dearly missed by all of us," she said.

Machakela confirmed that Van Wyk's body has been sent for further investigation and is expected to be released to the family by Wednesday. His burial is scheduled for next Saturday.

SAPS spokesperson Sergeant Mahlomola Kareli confirmed that police divers retrieved Van Wyk's body around midday on Thursday, noting that currents or depth changes likely delayed its recovery.

"The team worked tirelessly throughout the week and eventually found the body in a deeper section of

the quarry," Kareli said.

The Witherow Dam quarry has long been a danger to the residents of Heidedal. Despite years of community petitions and public pleas, the site remains unfenced, unrehabilitated, and plagued by illegal dumping and criminal activity.

Heidedal Church Committee chairperson Apostle George Swartz said Van Wyk's death could have been prevented.

"We stand in solidarity with the many families who have experienced the same tragedy and express our heartfelt condolences to the Van Wyk family. This could have been prevented, and we condemn the ignorance and absenteeism of local government in these matters," he said.

Swartz further called for urgent rehabilitation of the site. "This includes fencing, barriers, and proper signage banning access to the dam. We urge local authorities to conduct thorough assessments and implement safety measures to protect our children and community members," he added.

Among the growing list of victims are Dustin Kukari and Reginald "Reggie" Manie Ruiters, both of whom drowned while fishing. Other bodies found in the quarry are suspected to have been dumped after murders elsewhere.

Earlier this year, Journal News spoke to families of previous victims who had pleaded with authorities to act — warning, "Let there not be a 50th victim."

Brenda Ruiters, mother of Reggie, called for the closure of the quarry, while Maggie Finniss demanded fencing to limit public access.

"All I want is to see the area barricaded so that no child or family will go through what I am going through," Finniss said at the time.

Yet, their warnings went unheeded — and tragedy has now struck again, making Benjamin Van Wyk the 50th unwanted victim of the so-called Quarry of Death.

## Mance Celebrates Department's EPWP Foot Soldiers



MEC for Department of Public Works and Infrastructure Dibolelo Mance at the EmpowerHER EPWP seminar. Picture: Facebook

By: Abigail Visagie

In honour of the expanded public works programme (EPWP) recipients, MEC for Department of Public Works and Infrastructure Dibolelo Mance hosted over 200 Women in EPWP programme to bring back their dignity and respect.

The EmpowermentHER Seminar took place yesterday at the Mangaung City Hall in Bloemfontein with Mance spearheading the initiative and spotlighting the often overlooked participants who are the program's backbone.

As part of the EPWP exit programme, Mance, made it her mandate to focus on the foot soldiers, grinding through every turmoil, ensuring that the dignity and respect are brought back to the community, saying that they are the backbone of the programme.

The event brought together key stakeholders, including the National Youth Development Agency, Motheo TVET College, CETA, CIDB, and Department of Economic Development, to share opportunities and resources aimed at empowering, upscaling, and training these women.

"I took an executive decision that we should focus on the participants of the EPWP programmes who are always forgotten for this year's women's month celebrations, because of the great work that they are doing in our community."

"Unfortunately, we could not stick with the plan due to more pivotal commitments, but this programme was initiated because together, we are shaping a future where women are leaders, innovators, and change-makers," Mance said.

She says the department has a mandate to empower and to put 2000 participants of its EPWP annual programme through training since it is mandatory in the fifth phase of the exit programme.

"Since 60% of our participants are females, we

planted these stakeholders intentionally in this room so that these women can upskill themselves as they exit the programme, she said.

She also said the department included Non-governmental organisations and Non-Profit Organisations because some of the participants are part of the cleaning and greening initiative, where they are taught about gardening as well.

"This is where the NGO/NPO element falls intact to encourage women to register their own NPO so that they can continue with gardening, but also be supported through social development funding and initiatives."

"We also partnered with Motheo TVET College and ensured that the necessary courses for our ladies to educate themselves."

Mance added that the Free State Department of Economic Development, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) attended the seminar to support SMMEs and ladies who are interested in owning their own spaza shop.

She boasted that most of the women from the programme do basic artisan implementations, making it easier for the department not to outsource.

"We only get engineers for specialised work because such intricate work needs qualifications and precision, but generally the very same women in this room are doing wonders with their hands and skills," said Mance.

She further revealed to Journal News that her department has identified two buildings that will be used as skills development centers and will be in the Northern and Southern of the Free State, so that all regions within the province can benefit from them. "Government buildings that are being turned into skills centres, where EPWP participants can come and can learn basic technological advances and can set up their own business plans, even past participants," concluded Mance.

# MaQueen calls for Clean Governance

By: Refilwe Mochoari

Free State Premier MaQueen Letsosa-Mathae is urging all accounting officers in government to strive for clean governance by ensuring the accuracy and credibility of financial statements and fostering a culture of accountability at all levels.

Letsosa-Mathae made these remarks during the 2025/26 provincial Executive Council (Exco) budget planning Leggotla for the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), which took place this week at the Imvelo Safari Lodge.

The main goal of the MTEF is to ensure that departmental budgets and spending plans are coherent, transparent, ethical, and participatory.

She emphasized that every accounting officer must take responsibility for addressing audit findings decisively and without delay, stating that good governance and impunity cannot coexist.

It is essential for the Province to cultivate a willingness to engage in consequence management.

"As we discuss the budget priorities and the performance of departments and entities, we must remain firmly aligned with the National Development Plan (NDP) 2030, the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) 2024–2029, as well as the Free State Growth



Free State Premier MaQueen Letsosa-Mathae. Picture: OTP

and Development Strategy (FSGDS) and sectoral and departmental plans."

Letsosa-Mathae highlighted several key provincial priorities that should guide the province's planning and implementation efforts: to build a capable, eth-

ical, and developmental state, strengthen governance, and reduce wasteful expenditure.

"We need to address pressures in the compensation budget for education, health, and community safety, as well as roads and transport. We must re-

solve outstanding accruals and improve learner outcomes, particularly in underperforming districts.

"We must also tackle the accruals in the Department of Health, invest in critical infrastructure, and enhance access to quality primary healthcare. Additionally, we aim to implement high-impact catalytic projects, support township and rural economies, and create work opportunities through infrastructure and Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) initiatives."

"It is vital to prioritize spending on the maintenance of roads, schools, health facilities, housing, and water infrastructure. We must resolve delays in project completions and avoid cost overruns."

"Each department must translate these priorities into measurable outcomes and budget allocations that can drive real impact for our people."

In conclusion, Letsosa-Mathae called for accountability and delivery.

"This Leggotla should serve as a platform for honest reflection, strategic realignment, and, most importantly, decisive action. Our people are not interested in plans that remain on paper; they want to see tangible changes in their daily lives, including access to water, functional clinics, and operational hospitals," Letsosa-Mathae stated.

## Contact US

No 09 Henri Van Rooijen Street  
New East End  
Bloemfontein  
9301

Tel:  
051 430 0129

Email:  
info@journalnews.co.za

Advertising:  
sales@journalnews.co.za

Website:  
www.journalnews.co.za

SUBSCRIBE TODAY  
Subscription is Free

If you do not see the Journal NEWS in your area, please send us a message to this E-mail: info@journalnews.co.za

We will deliver it immediately.

### NEWS TIP OFFS

If you have stories you would like us to report, send an e-mail with your contact details to: news@journalnews.co.za

### Letters to the Editor

Postal Address:  
No 09 Henri Van Rooijen Street  
New East End  
Bloemfontein  
9301

Editor-in-Chief  
Refilwe Mochoari  
E-mail: editor@journalnews.co.za  
Cell: 083 943 9879

Journal News Powered by:

IKAMVA group

Journal News Designed by:



# interglass

## OUR SPECIALITIES

Aluminium Windows | Aluminium Vista Folding Doors | Aluminium Pivot Doors | Aluminium Patio Doors  
Aluminium Shopfronts | Frameless Showers | Glass Replacement | Flat Glass Tint | Glazing

## CONTACT US

Tel: 051 430 0129 Call: 068 559 1623  
Address: 9 Henri Van Rooijen Street  
New East  
Bloemfontein, 9300



TO ADVERTISE  
HERE

CONTACT  
051 430 0129  
sales@journalnews.co.za  
www.journalnews.co.za

# Nthatsi Denies Political Meddling In CENTLEC

By: Abigail Visagie

**M**angaung Executive Mayor Gregory Nthatsi has dismissed claims that political interference led to the dissolution of the Centlec board, saying the decision was based purely on governance and performance issues rather than politics.

This follows the recent resignation of four board members who alleged political meddling in the power utility's operations. They claimed that their request for CEO Molefane Sekoboto's qualifications prompted Nthatsi to dissolve the board.

However, Nthatsi rejected these assertions, stating that the board had failed to fulfil its mandate and instead became entangled in internal conflicts with Centlec's management.

"Centlec would have done well if it had been disbanded a while ago. I must confess that mistakes were made when we established the board. We underrated the importance of induction. If we had properly inducted the board, perhaps it would not have been disbanded," said Nthatsi.

He explained that tensions between the board and management created a working crisis that could have been avoided through a structured induction process. The mayor added that divisions within Centlec's staff further contributed to instability within the institution.

Nthatsi also noted that some former board members may have resigned out of concern for their professional reputations, fearing they might be labelled unfit to hold office.

"There's a thin line between the administration and the board. One deals with policy, the other with implementation, and the two must complement each other. Unfortunately, that balance broke down, and I had to decide whether to deal with the administration or the board's disorganisation," he said.

The mayor confirmed that an interim board has been appointed in line with Centlec's Memorandum of Incorporation, which requires such a structure in the absence of a permanent board.

"The matter has gone to council, which resolved that we advertise for a new board. The advert has been placed, and we've been given three months to establish a new structure. We are now nearing the end of the second month, and by next month, a fully-fledged board will be in place to take over from the interim structure," Nthatsi concluded.



Mangaung Executive Mayor Gregory Nthatsi. Picture: Baagedi Sethora

Meanwhile, speaking to Journal News this week, former Centlec board chairperson Caska Mokitlane refuted Mayor Nthatsi's claims, warning that the circumstances surrounding the resignation of four board members have been misrepresented.

Mokitlane alleged that two of the resignations were "instigated," claiming that it had been the mayor's plan all along to dissolve the Centlec board.

"In order to dissolve the board, there must be a valid reason — something the mayor has failed to provide. The board was not operating in harmony with Centlec's executive management, and for that reason, the mayor decided to dissolve it," said Mokitlane.

He added that this "power shift" began on 9 July 2025, when the mayor convened a meeting to propose what he termed an "intervention in organisational unity."

Mokitlane said the board had requested legal assistance following that meeting but received none.

"Political interference simply means the board was not informed of the reasons for its dissolution, nor given a right of reply to the report the mayor allegedly submitted. The consistent siding of the shareholder with management represents the very political interference being discussed," Mokitlane asserted.

He further alleged that the executive council continues to protect Centlec's CEO and CFO, allowing them to "engage in questionable activities," including misappropriating funds meant to pay board members for meeting attendance and claiming the board had been overcompensated. Mokitlane said the spending on board-related items had exceeded the budget allocation, raising further concerns about governance at the utility.

## Cele did not 'dance around answers' at Ad Hoc hearing, says MP



Former Police Minister Bheki Cele. Picture: Facebook

**M**embers of Parliament (MPs) on Thursday said they appreciated how former Police Minister Bheki Cele was forthcoming with information during the Ad Hoc Committee investigating the allegations made by SAPS KwaZulu-Natal provincial head Lieutenant General Nhlhlanhla Mkhwanazi.

Cele was the Minister of Police from February 2018 to 17 June 2024, preceding the tenure of suspended Minister Senzo Mchunu.

Cele started with his testimony, sharing insight into his tenure as police minister, the Political Killings Task Team (PKTT), and his connections with Vusumuzi "Cat" Matlala.

He described Matlala as an acquaintance and not a friend. "I am not a friend to Matlala. I met Matlala in December. He is my acquaintance... We are not friends. I know him. I don't know his house. He doesn't know my house."

"Friends would know more than that, so I deny (that we are friends). I don't agree that he is my friend. He's my acquaintance," Cele said.

The DA's Ian Cameron said Cele had been very forthcoming with information.

"Obviously, we'll have to see where it leads when we go to cross-examination, but so far he's been very forthcoming. It didn't feel like he was dancing around answers. He was quite straightforward with many things."

"There was also very little doubt, if any, regard-

ing relationships with people, whether people that are considered suspicious or not; he was very open about the relationships that he has."

Cameron described the less than two hour handover from Cele to Mchunu, as being strange.

"The handover thing of just two hours, I immediately sent a message to some of my colleagues saying I find it very, very strange. A handover like that shouldn't be shorter than two days, never mind two hours."

"It's a significant amount of work and a very broad scope. Remember that the space as a ministry doesn't just include SAPS. It includes IPID, the Hawks, it includes PSIRA and the secretariat (Civilian Secretariat for Police Service)."

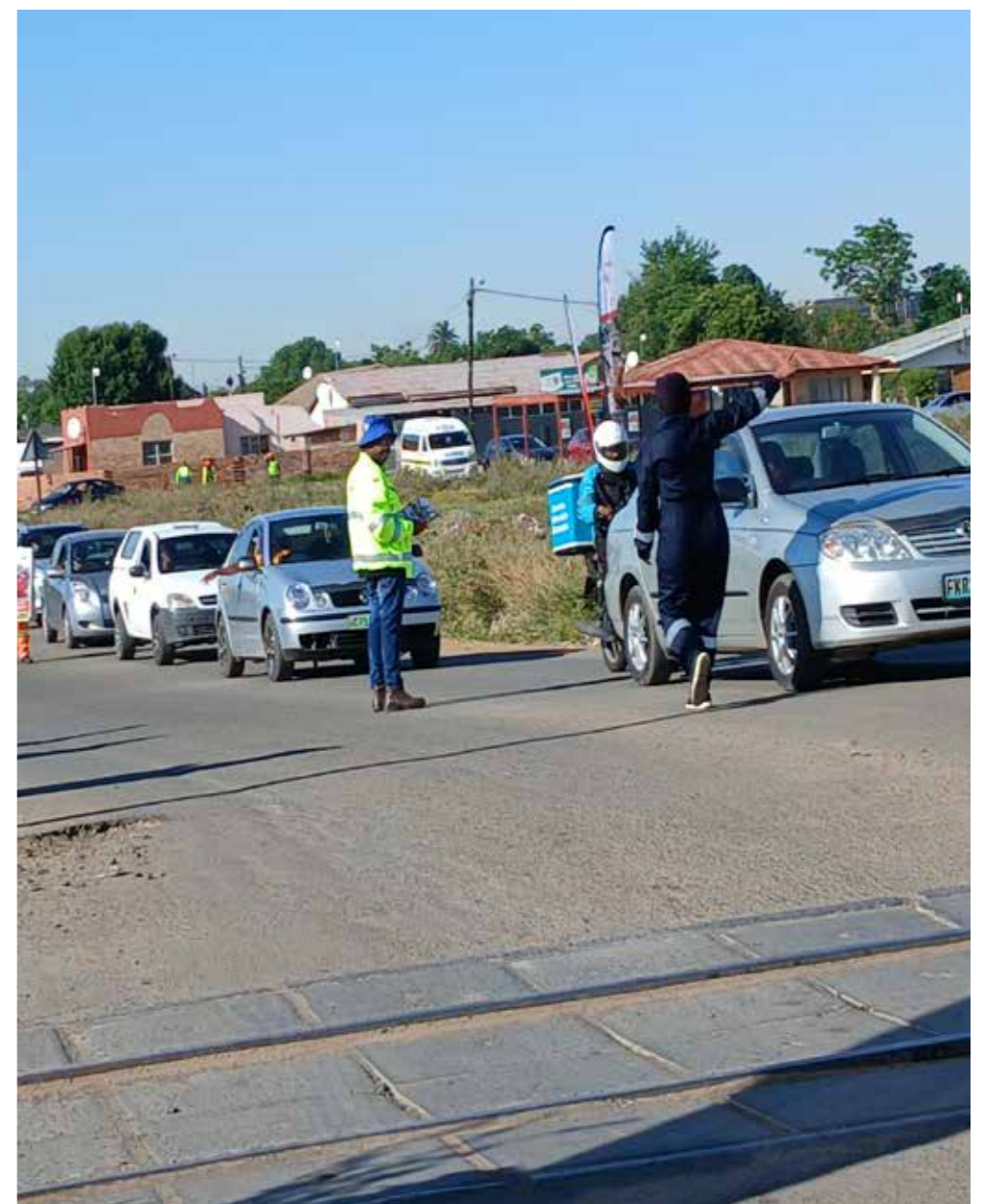
"It's a major, major stakeholder in terms of safety and security in the country."

Cele said he felt it is the police's responsibility to enforce the law and that he is not in favour of the devolution of powers.

"I still think there's a misperception that it's just about political power, and I think politics has unfortunately taken centre stage when it comes to capacitating police, whether it's through a more decentralised model, like for example with devolution or something else."

"The point is just that, even if SAPS had all the political will in the world at the moment to do their job, they literally don't have the capacity, so we have to think of alternatives," Cameron said.

## Transnet Leads Level Crossing Awareness in Heidedaal



Transnet Rail Infrastructure awareness campaign in Heidedaal. Picture: Supplied

By: Matshidiso Selebeleng

**T**he Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager (TRIM), in collaboration with law enforcement, local communities, and government stakeholders, hosted a nationwide level crossing awareness campaign on Thursday at the Heidedaal Papers Street railway crossing.

The Heidedaal crossing, identified as one of the country's high-risk railway intersections, was the focus of the campaign aimed at promoting safety and preventing accidents at these hotspots. The initiative seeks to reduce such incidents through education, engagement, and enforcement.

Transnet Communications Officer Thato Potele said that the company uses Transport Month to drive as many safety awareness campaigns as possible.

"We decided to station ourselves here in Heidedaal to sensitize and educate motorists and pedestrians about the dangers of ignoring railway safety rules. Incidents can happen, and it's im-

portant for us as Transnet to step out and engage communities, together with key external stakeholders," she said.

Potele emphasized that safety remains Transnet's top priority.

"We believe in being our brother's and sister's keeper. When we go into communities and stand at these level crossings, our message is simple — we care. My safety is your safety; it's our safety as a collective," she added.

She urged the public to always stop, look, and listen before crossing any railway line, and only proceed once it is safe to do so.

Transnet noted that level crossings remain a critical focus area in its National Rail Safety Strategy, as most incidents stem from non-compliance with traffic laws, distractions, or a lack of awareness.

The national activation forms part of Transnet's broader commitment to support the Department of Transport's objectives under the National Railway Safety Regulator Act.

# FS Learners Scoop Water and Sanitation Awards



By: Marcus Motshegwa

**T**he Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) together with water sector entities recently hosted the 2025 Water and Sanitation Education Programme (WSEP) National Adjudication in Benoni, Gauteng with week-long activities from 06 -11 October.

WSEP is the Department's school-based education initiative aimed at creating awareness for the learners and society about water resources management, water services and sanitation, and it also promotes careers in the water sector for the learners. The programme also gives exposure to school learners to identify water and sanitation challenges in their respective schools and communities, and to develop innovative inventions to address the challenges.

Young school learners from primary schools in the Free State province, participated in Baswa Le Meetse (Youth in Water) competition that featured five creative subcategories: drama, music, poetry, praise poetry, and posters. The competition is meant to recognize the achievements of youths in their efforts on educating society about intergraded water resource management,

promoting water use efficiency including health and hygiene, use and care of sanitation facilities

Learners from Setshabelo Primary School in Welkom scooped number one position in Poster category and received R30 000 prize money on behalf of their school. Bhekilanga Primary School in Heilbron came second in Praise Poetry with R25 000 prize money.

Grade 9 and 10 high school learners also competed in Aqua Enduro and Public Speaking categories. Aqua Enduro, is an initiative to address the skill shortage in the scientific and engineering disciplines within the water sector at grass roots level and it encourages learners to come up with science and technology-based projects to address water resources challenges in their schools and communities.

In this category, it was represented by Nkgopoleng Secondary School in Sasolburg. The school's learner, Tshireletso Rangwaga, won the Best Participant in Aqua Enduro Group Leadership Award.

Lephola Public School from Welkom represented the province in Public Speaking category, with three learners scooping Educational Bursaries to study any course of their choice related to the water and sanitation sector.

The bursaries are funded by DWS's Learning Academy.

"The learners demonstrated their passion for both mathematics and science with their technological innovations" said Ms Mditaba Tau, the educator from Nkhopoleng High School.

Ms Tau also acknowledged the collaboration of the participating schools with Central University of Technology (CUT).

She hailed Ms Lerato Mofokeng, from the institution as a good mentor who tirelessly guided the learners.

"My advice to new schools participating in the program is to form collaboration with higher institutions of higher learning to adequately prepare for the competitions. Congratulations to the learners who received DWS bursaries."

The ball is in their court now, to work hard and archive university entry marks", she concluded.

Learners, educator, schools who wishes to participate in Water and Sanitation Education Adjudications for 2026 should contact the coordinators for the WSPE in Free State province for more information, they are Kel-ebohile Saha on 073 440 8781 and Nkosinathi Zungu on 082 556 0545.

# Mhlauli Hands Over 1 000 Title Deeds in NC



Class of 2025 to sit for their final exams. Picture: Supplied

By: Lerato Mutlanyane

In a move set to redefine the landscape of the Frances Baard District in the Northern Cape, Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Nonceba Mhlauli, officially handed over 1 422 title deeds to residents of Pampierstad on 17 October 2025 — marking a significant milestone in the government's commitment to land ownership and human settlements.

Mhlauli was joined by Minister of Human Settlements, Thembu Simelane, Executive Mayor of the Frances Baard District Municipality, Wende Marekwa, provincial MECs, and representatives from the Phokwane Local Municipality, COGHSTA, and the Deeds Office, along with hundreds of community members who gathered for the long-awaited occasion.

As she welcomed the crowd, the atmosphere was filled with anticipation and emotion — hundreds of hopeful faces watched eagerly as the symbolic keys to ownership were finally handed over.

"Today's Title Deeds Friday handover is not just an administrative exercise. It is a deeply symbolic act of restoring dignity, ownership, and inclusion to hundreds of families who have waited patiently for what is rightfully theirs.

We are here to celebrate the perseverance of the people of Pampierstad and to affirm government's commitment to turning houses into homes and settlements into thriving communities," said Mhlauli.

Although the Frances Baard District is the smallest in the Northern Cape, it accommodates the largest portion of the province's population.

The Department of Human Settlements' housing initiative in the area was rolled out in three phases since the early 2000s — with 200 houses completed in Phase 1, 500 houses in Phase 2, and 722 houses in Phase 3 — bringing the total to 1 422 funded residential sites.

While the project faced delays due to administrative backlogs, it was successfully revived and concluded with a door-to-door title deed handover campaign, ensuring

every rightful owner received their documentation personally.

"Today's event is not only about paperwork and deeds; it is about security of tenure, economic empowerment, and social stability.

Owning a title deed means you can call the land you live on your own. It becomes an asset for building generational wealth, accessing finance and insurance, and securing municipal services as a recognised property owner. Most importantly, it allows families to pass their homes on to their children with pride and certainty.

This is also about redressing the injustices of the past. Pampierstad was born out of forced removals under apartheid, and today's ceremony reverses that history by affirming ownership, dignity, and belonging for its people," she said.

For the residents of Pampierstad, the day brought immense relief and renewed hope — marking the start of a new chapter for a community once defined by need, and now, by opportunity and ownership.

# Inside Northern Cape renewable energy land deals

Long-term leases turn public land into corporate profit, but how are these deals structured, and are communities seeing their share? Across South Africa, municipal and other public land is being leased to renewable energy developers under long-term agreements. How these deals are structured, and who ultimately benefits, remains unclear.

Questions about transparency, revenue allocation and community benefit persist, particularly when municipalities are involved.

Using the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA), over the past nine months lease agreements and related documents were requested from renewable energy developments nationwide.

The purpose of these inquiries, sent to Eskom and private companies, was to determine how much public land is being used in South Africa's renewable energy rollout, and whether municipalities and communities are receiving fair returns from the deals.

Several municipalities were approached for information about the land deals; some provided full cooperation, while others delayed responses or ignored the inquiries.

The Emthanjeni Municipality in De Aar, a small town in the Northern Cape, agreed to cooperate by demonstrating how these lease arrangements work and what they mean for local residents. The municipality has leased land to Globeleq, an international renewable energy company, for solar power projects.

How land gets allocated

Senior manager for community services at Emthanjeni Municipality Humphrey Joka, explained the procedure for renewable energy companies seeking municipal land: "Companies send their application to the municipal manager, which then goes through exco and the council for approval.

"Once service-level agreements are in place, public participation follows to ensure the community is informed and consulted."

Council resolutions and legislative compliance are central to approvals, he said. "The council adopts a resolution to agree in principle to the lease, subject to legislative conditions. Once these are met, we grant permission. Even if it's not our land but within our jurisdiction, we consult all relevant stakeholders before approval."

"Public participation and environmental compliance follow the signing of the service-level agreement and memorandum of understanding," he added.

Joka said municipal engagement extends beyond final approvals: "Through ward meetings and council engagement sessions, we involve communities before granting any approvals. We integrate developments into our Integrated Development Plan to align them with broader economic strategies."

"Land is a sensitive issue; any use of municipal land must ultimately benefit all residents," he added.

But local entrepreneur Anthony Olifant painted a different picture. "As people in the community, we know absolutely nothing about that process. We just know there are projects in certain areas, but we don't know how funds or land allocations are managed. Communication before a project starts is minimal," he said.

On land allocation specifically, Olifant raised concerns: "Our community is relatively short of land. When renewable energy plants come in, land is immediately available [to them]. But when our small farmers and entrepreneurs look for land, it is not there," he said.

The Globeleq deal

The municipality entered into a 20-year lease agreement with Globeleq, owned by British International Investment and Norwegian investment fund Norfund, for about 100ha of municipal land in 2014.

"The lease allows the renewable energy company to occupy and use municipal land for a fixed period in return for rental payments, while ownership remains with the municipality," Joka said. "The council ensures the municipality receives fair compensation for use of public assets."

He acknowledged that its early agreements with the company were not always advantageous. "When Globeleq first arrived, we were not familiar with renewable energy. In hindsight, we realised we may not have negotiated as strongly as we could have," he said.

Joka explained that the early agreements did not fully account for inflation or the financial potential of large-scale renewable projects. "Over time we renegotiated aspects to ensure the municipality receives adequate compensation. We now maintain monthly or quarterly engagements with Globeleq to track compliance with the agreements and ensure commitments align with community interests," he said.

According to Joka, "Our agreements prioritise the interests of the 46,000 residents of Emthanjeni. A portion of the lease payment is directed to the municipality's service delivery budget."

No consolidated public account showing the full value generated from these lease agreements or how much reaches the community was made available to #PowerTracker. The complete financial picture remains unclear.

In response to questions sent via email, Globeleq confirmed that the De Aar Solar Power project operates on land leased from the municipality under a notorally registered long-term

agreement. "The lease period is generally tied to the duration of the power purchase agreement with Eskom, or the useful life of the facility," said Nicole Meyer, commercial and compliance manager at Globeleq South Africa management services.

Lease payments are made periodically to the municipality, contributing to local revenue and municipal service delivery. The municipality receives fair compensation and complies with applicable legislation, Meyer said.

Municipal resources

"High unemployment, poverty and inadequate infrastructure mean hosting these projects is not without challenges," Joka said. "Construction activities strain municipal water, electricity and sanitation systems."

"Municipalities provide essential services, yet service delivery impacts are often overlooked. We've had to raise these issues with the Department of Energy to improve collaboration and ensure communities are supported."

Both Globeleq and the Sibona Ilanga Trust, which holds an 8% equity stake in the project, emphasised the benefits of local employment and enterprise development. During construction, some local residents were employed, but Olifant said the contractors brought in skilled labour from outside.

Olifant said while jobs were helpful, broader economic participation was limited: "Most of the real money goes to the contractors and big corporates. Unless they start genuine partnerships with the community, we cannot say we are truly benefiting from the projects."

Olifant questioned whether municipalities should continue allocating land to renewable energy projects: "I don't think it is wise for municipalities to keep giving land for these projects. Land should always be prioritised for local small farmers, communities and businesses so they can grow. Most of the real money from these projects leaves our community because big corporates and contractors take it out."

Joka responded that the municipality continues to track compliance and community impact. "We monitor how projects are executed and whether they deliver on agreed obligations, including employment and community development. Our role is oversight, not operations," he said.

Joka explained the municipality's approach to ensuring long-term benefit: "We include socio-economic development requirements in all agreements, ensure service delivery is maintained and monitor compliance. But balancing corporate, municipal and community interests is challenging. Municipalities must protect public land and ensure it serves residents' needs."

The company contributes to local socio-economic development initiatives under South Africa's Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP), including education support, bursaries and enterprise development programmes intended to operate throughout the 20-year life of the project, said Hlengiwe Radebe, Globeleq's economic development director in South Africa.

The Sibona Ilanga Trust, which holds an 8% equity stake in the project, also channels benefits to the community. Zukile Tom, the trust's executive programme manager, said it represents the wider community, not a small group of beneficiaries.

Tom explained that awareness and participation are central to the trust's work: "Ownership on paper is meaningless unless the community understands, engages with and can hold the trust accountable. We invested heavily in roadshows, hall meetings and public consultations. Staff were placed in De Aar to manage communications, address concerns and ensure direct access to trustees."

The trust, according to Tom, pairs community trustees with independent trustees who add financial, human resources, legal and strategic expertise. An economic development director helped drive the legal setup and consultants ran awareness campaigns so residents understood their roles.

"Since 2016 the trust has funded 167 students to attend tertiary institutions, supported food gardens across four service areas and assisted small businesses, including bakeries, vegetable gardens and trading ventures," Tom said.

Early scepticism was widespread, he added. "Residents feared promises would not materialise. Transparency and consistent delivery gradually built trust. As grants were paid, students supported and youth programmes ran successfully, community participation increased."

Tom said the trust focuses on translating corporate investment into tangible benefits. "Equity alone does not ensure impact. The community must understand, participate and hold trustees accountable. That is why we focus on transparency, awareness and governance."

Olifant acknowledged the trust's positive impacts: "In terms of social development, the impact is much bigger. Globeleq and their trust send children to universities, and we have many graduates coming through their programmes. The trust provides funds for business activities, community projects and youth development."

"They also bring economic opportunities. Many of our small businesses had opportunities to prove themselves and to create work in the community," he said.

\*This article was first published on OXpeckers #Powertracker

## ORANGEKRAAG COMBINED SCHOOL ACHIEVES EXCELLENCE DESPITE DIFFICULTIES



By: Mogomotsi Selebi

With the 2025 final National School Certificate commencing this week, Oranjekrag Combined School in Xhariep district municipality will be aiming to retain their proud record of a 100% pass rate.

The school is located in Hydropark, near Gariep dam and will be home to 208 learners, composed of 104 boys and 104 girls. It is home to learners from the township and surrounding farms. The learners are currently staying at a local hostel while final touches are applied to the school hostel. They will only move into the new hostel next year and parents are happy that their children will have a roof over their heads and a meal at the newly built facility.

Peggy Maseli, a resident of Regtevele farm which is approximately 20 kilometers away from the school, said she was happy that her son Siyabulela is staying at the local hostel and will soon be moving into the new hostel. Maseli said her 10 year-old Grade 3 son used to wake up at the crack of dawn to get ready for school.

"I always used to wake up at 5 am and get him ready for school around 5:30 am. It was too much for him because he is still young. Then, he would wait for a bakkie which transported him and other learners to school. It was strenuous, so the new hostel is a welcomed blessing for our children," Maseli said.

Soffel Fourie, a worker at Merino farm, has a son and grandchildren at the school. Every Friday, said Fourie, his wife Rachel walks a combined total of 26 kilometres to and from the school to fetch their son Zolan and their grandchildren Nolan and Kelvin.

"The school is far and on Fridays, my wife fetches them to spend the weekend with us and on Sundays, she takes them back to the school. They are very young and obviously tire easily," said Fourie.

MEC for Public Works and Infrastructure Dibolelo Mance said the location of the school necessitated the building of a school hall.

"Children from farms often had to travel long distances to the school. That was obviously not ideal, and it was therefore important to build a hostel to accommodate those who travelled long distances. We are proud with the hostel and are looking forward to our learners occupying the facility," said MEC Mance.

The two blocks, for boy and girl learners, both have 26 rooms on the upper ground and the same number of rooms on the ground floor which will each accommodate two learners.

## Nthatisi confirms the reshuffling of MMCs



By: Abigail Visagie

This afternoon the Executive Mayor of Mangaung Metro Municipality Mayor Gregory Nthatisi will officially announce the changes to his members of the mayoral committee as part of his efforts to strengthen governance and improve service delivery across the metro.

Last week Journal News exclusively reported the reshuffle with reliable sources confirming that the councillors Sebongile Tsoleli, Manthuse Letawana, Lulama Titi-Odili, and Theodorah Mosala will be affected.

According to sources Nthatisi received the go-ahead from the ANC's Mangaung Regional Executive Committee before finalising the decision.

In an exclusive interview with, Nthatisi this week, he confirmed that the reshuffling has been formalised and the formal announcement will be made today (24 October 2025). "I've done this before as it is in my capacity and authority as mayor. I would however, prefer to avoid using the term reshuffling because once you reshuffle something, that is when you take something and replace it with something else, whereas in this instance, I am repurposing some of the cabinet members to utilise them effectively and efficiently for the Metro," he said.

Nthatisi cautioned that the 'repurposing' is about using the MMC's strengths where he believes they can serve best and says this exercise is to build their strength to enhance service delivery. "Often you identify where your colleagues' strengths

and capabilities lie and you place them where you deem them fit," he said.

He highlighted that in some cases, MMCs serve where their knowledge is limited, leading the community to destruction and worsening service delivery.

"The MMCs do not lose anything in terms of remuneration or their status, so it is only to ensure that the shift is about the enhancement and responsibility, he said.

Nthatisi says the repurposing is not a form of punishment or retribution so friction within the council should be scratched out of the equation.

"I have my own demand and my demand is that we should be effective and efficient. I must utilise abilities where I think they can be best used," said the mayor.

The reshuffle, will see some councillors redeployed to new portfolios, while others retain their current positions. According to information received, Tsoleli, who was previously MMC for Public Safety will now move to Corporate Services, replacing Letawana, who will be moved to Economic Development.

Kruger who is currently heading Finance, will be moved to Public Safety, while Titi-Odili will be moved to her old position of Finance and still serving as Deputy Executive Mayor.

Mosala who is currently leading Local Economic Development and Tourism will be redeployed to IDP and Performance.

Attempts to obtain comment from ANC Mangaung regional spokesperson Ncamille Nxangisa were unsuccessful at the time of publication.

GAMAGARA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



# BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

## Reflecting on Gamagara Local Municipality's Progress and Vision

As we mark another year of dedicated service to the communities of Kathu, Sesheng, Dibeng, and Olifantshoek, Gamagara Local Municipality stands as a beacon of resilience and

growth in the Northern Cape's John Taolo Gaetsewe District. Nestled in the heart of the Gamagara Mining Corridor, our municipality spans 2,619 km<sup>2</sup> of diverse terrain, predominantly thick-

et and bushland, serving a population deeply tied to the mining sector. With 45.7% of our workforce employed in mining, we've harnessed this economic engine to drive infrastructure improve-

ments and social upliftment.

This local municipality celebrates the key milestones, outlines ambitious planned projects, including critical water conservation and management ef-

forts, and probes into our robust capital projects framework—all aimed at fostering sustainable development and enhancing quality of life for our residents.

### Projects:



The Upgrading of the Sports Field in Dibeng



Grassed soccer field

Refurbished multicourt



Borehole unprotected

Borehole in Pumphouse



Internal Old clubhouse



Internal Refurbished clubhouse



Stolen fence



Replaced perimeter fence



Dilapidated ticket office



Refurbished ticket office



No gate on site



Gate replaced



Old tank/ reservoir



New reservoir

## Milestones Achieved: A Foundation of Progress

Over the past few years, Gamagara has made significant strides in service delivery and community empowerment, reflecting our commitment to the National Development Plan's goals of inclusive growth and improved livelihoods.

Gamagara has prioritized the upgrading of Dibeng town's sanitation system to a full waterborne sewer network. Given the scale of the project, it has been divided into five phases to facilitate smoother implementation. Phases 1 to 4, covering 1,366 households, have been successfully completed. Phase 4, which includes installation of sewer network for 797 households has recently been completed, with only 500 household's toilet connections achieved due to funding constraints 297 toilets structures were not connected to the network.

Phase 5, encompassing 529 households, commenced in the 2024-25 financial year and it is anticipated to be completed within Quarter 2

Upgrading of Sportfield in Dibeng is at an advance stage and completion is anticipated end of August.

The Design and Draft tender documents were done in 2024-25 for the Olifantshoek Water reticulation of 1300 stands project. MIG Office recommended that works be prioritised on areas that are occupied.

The Dibeng Sewer Network Phase 5 marks the final phase of a comprehensive five-phase project aimed at upgrading the Dibeng area to a fully functional waterborne sanitation system. This phase will provide critical sanitation infrastructure to an additional 529 stands, completing the

overall vision of universal access to improved sanitation services within the community.

Phase 5 will extend the existing sewer network infrastructure, connecting these 529 occupied stands—currently dependent on basic or informal sanitation solutions—to the main outfall sewer lines.

These lines are designed to gravitate wastewater to the existing pump stations and, ultimately, to the Dibeng Wastewater Treatment Works, which has sufficient capacity to handle the anticipated increase in sewage volume. The construction of toilet structures is not included in the current project scope, and the Municipality will need to secure additional funding to implement this component.

The main infrastructure project is fully funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG).

The Upgrading of the Sports Field in Dibeng is a strategic initiative focused on enhancing recreational infrastructure and fostering social development within the Dibeng community.

This collaborative project is co-funded by the Municipality and the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG).

The primary objective is to provide a safe, accessible, and high-quality sports facility that caters to the needs of the local community and surrounding schools.

By transforming the existing field into a grasscovered, well-equipped facility, the project aims to promote youth development, support school sporting activities, and create oppor-

tunities for community-based sports programs, events, and recreational use.

Despite challenges, including a 25.3% unemployment rate in 2022 and a disclaimer audit opinion in 2018/19, we've reduced dependency on social grants to just 6.6% of the population and maintained a labor force participation rate of 51.4%.

These milestones underscore our ability to turn economic strengths into tangible benefits for all.

### Water Conservation and Demand Management

The Olifantshoek Water Reticulation Phase 2 project is a continuation of Phase 1, and forms part of the broader strategy to ensure universal access to reliable and safe potable water for residents in the Olifantshoek area.

Phase 2 focuses on the detailed design and construction of an internal water reticulation network, including individual house connections for 1,300 residential stands project is a continuation of Phase 1 and it entails design and construction of Internal reticulation and house connection for the 1300 stands.

This phase builds upon the bulk infrastructure installed during Phase 1, which provided water access at communal standpipe level for the community.

Phase 2 aims to improve the level of service by extending the reticulation system to provide individual yard connections for each of the 1,300 stands. This upgrade is intend-

ed to enhance convenience, promote better hygiene, and support dignified living conditions by ensuring that every household has direct access to clean, piped water within their own yard.

Bulk water infrastructure was originally planned to service Zones 1, 2 & 3. Zones 4 & 5 were developed from 2015 onwards.

Bulk water infrastructure was not increased accordingly. Water Resources and infrastructure at Dibeng are under significant constraints and urgent upgrading is required.

100% of the stands within Zone 1 to 3 have been upgraded to a higher level of service namely house connections and full flush sanitation systems.

Zone 4 and 5 are partly reticulated with approximately 95% of the current stands having access to water through yard connections and are currently being upgraded to a higher level of service with full flush sanitation systems.

### Capital Projects Framework: Investing in Sustainability

Our capital projects framework is the backbone of long-term growth, with a focus on multi-year investments in water, housing, roads, and community facilities.

Funded primarily through national grants (94% of revenue) and municipal sources, this framework ensures fiscal prudence while addressing critical needs.

The municipality continues to enhance project management capacity, improve procurement transparency, and strengthen monitoring systems to ensure that projects are completed on time, within budget, and to quality standards.

### Conclusion: Charting the Path Forward

Gamagara Local Municipality remains steadfast in its mission to build a sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous future for its residents.

Through careful planning, disciplined financial management, and strategic partnerships, the municipality continues to transform infrastructure challenges into opportunities for innovation and community upliftment.

As we move forward into the 2025–26 financial year, our priorities remain clear:

- Accelerate completion of critical water and sanitation projects.
- Foster economic diversification through initiatives like the Olifantshoek Light Industrial Business Hub.
- Strengthen local governance and accountability to ensure that every rand spent translates into visible service delivery improvements.
- Promote social cohesion, youth empowerment, and sustainable development across all wards.

Together, we are building a brighter future — one project, one household, and one community at a time.

## NOTICE

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 16(2)(A)(I) READ WITH SECTION 21 OF THE MOHOKARE MUNICIPAL LAND USE PLANNING BY-LAW, 2015 AND SECTION 16(2)(A)(V) READ WITH SECTION 32 OF THE MOHOKARE MUNICIPAL LAND USE PLANNING BY-LAW, 2015 FOR CONSOLIDATION, SUBDIVISION AND TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MATLAKENG EXTENSIONS 11, 12, 13, 14 AND 15. THE PROPOSED TOWNSHIP IS SITUATED ON A PORTION OF PORTION 2 AND A PORTION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM MOOIFONTEIN 480, ZASTRON-RD, FREE STATE PROVINCE.**

I, Joseph Mokoena, of Moster MOK Trading and Projects (Pty) Ltd (Reg. No. 2018/376175/07), being the authorised applicant of Portion 2 of the Farm Mooifontein 480 and the Remainder of the Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD, owned by the Mohokare Local Municipality, hereby give notice in terms of Section 16(2)(a)(i) read with Section 21 of the Mohokare Municipal Land Use Planning By-Law, 2015 and Section 16(2)(a)(v) read with Section 32 of the Mohokare Municipal Land Use Planning By-Law, 2015 that an application has been submitted to the Mohokare Local Municipality for Consolidation, Subdivision and Township Establishment to allow for the establishment of Matlakeng Extensions 11 to and including Extension 15, the consolidation of Portion 2 of the Farm Mooifontein 480 and the Remainder of the Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD and the subsequent subdivision of the consolidated erf into five portions.

## APPLICATION PARTICULARS:

**THE PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION:** The application seeks approval for the establishment of five townships, namely Matlakeng Extensions 11 to 15, to enable the development of an integrated residential township. The particulars of each proposed township are summarised as follows:

**Name of Township: Matlakeng Extensions 11 Township**

**Property description:** Portion 2 of the Farm Mooifontein 480 and the Remainder of the Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

Location: Portion 2 of the Farm Mooifontein 480 and the Remainder of the Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD is situated towards the eastern side of the area of jurisdiction of the Mohokare Local Municipality on the northern outskirts of Zastron, which is regarded as the administrative capital of the Local Municipality. In addition, the subject properties are located along Lucas Majosi Street and the R726.

**The purpose of the application:** Matlakeng Extensions 11 comprises of approximately 743 erven. The township establishment process includes consolidation and subdivision of the farms, lodging of General Plan(s), and the incorporation of the newly created erven into the Mohokare Local Municipality Land Use Scheme, 2022.

**Proposed Land Use Scheme allocations for Matlakeng Extensions 11:** 724 "Residential 1" erven, 5 "Business 1" erven, 2 "Transport" erven, 3 "Educational" erven, 3 "Municipal Purposes" erven, 1 "Religious Purposes" erven, 1 "Cemetery" erf, 4 "Open Space 1" erven and "Roads and Streets".

**Name of Township: Matlakeng Extensions 12 Township**

**Property description:** Portion 2 of the Farm Mooifontein 480 and the Remainder of the Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

Location: Portion 2 of the Farm Mooifontein 480 and the Remainder of the Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD is situated towards the eastern side of the area of jurisdiction of the Mohokare Local Municipality on the northern outskirts of Zastron, which is regarded as the administrative capital of the Local Municipality. In addition, the subject properties are located along Lucas Majosi Street and the R726.

**The purpose of the application:** Matlakeng Extensions 12 comprises of approximately 1 132 erven. The township establishment process includes consolidation and subdivision of the farms, lodging of General Plan(s), and the incorporation of the newly created erven into the Mohokare Local Municipality Land Use Scheme, 2022.

**Proposed Land Use Scheme allocations for Matlakeng Extensions 12:** 1 118 "Residential 1" erven, 2 "Business 1" erven, 2 "Transport" erven, 3 "Educational" erven, 1 "Municipal Purposes" erf, 2 "Religious Purposes" erven, 4 "Open Space 1" erven and "Roads and Streets".

**Name of Township: Matlakeng Extensions 13 Township**

**Property description:** Portion 2 of the Farm Mooifontein 480 and the Remainder of the Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

Location: Portion 2 of the Farm Mooifontein 480 and the Remainder of the Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD is situated towards the eastern side of the area of jurisdiction of the Mohokare Local Municipality on the northern outskirts of Zastron, which is regarded as the administrative capital of the Local Municipality. In addition, the subject properties are located along Lucas Majosi Street and the R726.

**The purpose of the application:** Matlakeng Extensions 13 comprises of approximately 1 128 erven. The township establishment process includes consolidation and subdivision of the farms, lodging of General Plan(s), and the incorporation of the newly created erven into the Mohokare Local Municipality Land Use Scheme, 2022.

**Proposed Land Use Scheme allocations for Matlakeng Extensions 13:** 1 117 "Residential 1" erven, 3 "Business 1" erven, 1 "Transport" erf, 2 "Educational" erven, 1 "Municipal Purposes" erf, 1 "Religious Purposes" erf, 3 "Open Space 1" erven and "Roads and Streets".

**Name of Township: Matlakeng Extensions 14 Townships**

**Property description:** Portion 2 of the Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

Location: Portion 2 of the Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD is situated towards the eastern side of the area of jurisdiction of the Mohokare Local Municipality on the northern outskirts of Zastron, which

is regarded as the administrative capital of the Local Municipality. In addition, the subject properties are located along Lucas Majosi Street and the R726.

**The purpose of the application:** Matlakeng Extensions 14 comprises of approximately 568 erven. The township establishment process includes consolidation and subdivision of the farms, lodging of General Plan(s), and the incorporation of the newly created erven into the Mohokare Local Municipality Land Use Scheme, 2022.

**Proposed Land Use Scheme allocations for Matlakeng Extensions 14:** 560 "Residential 1" erven, 1 "Business 1" erf, 1 "Transport" erf, 1 "Religious Purposes" erf, 5 "Open Space 1" erven and "Roads and Streets".

**Name of Township: Matlakeng Extensions 15 Township**

**Property description:** Portion 2 of the Farm Mooifontein 480 and the Remainder of the Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

Location: Portion 2 of the Farm Mooifontein 480 and the Remainder of the Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD is situated towards the eastern side of the area of jurisdiction of the Mohokare Local Municipality on the northern outskirts of Zastron, which is regarded as the administrative capital of the Local Municipality. In addition, the subject properties are located along Lucas Majosi Street and the R726.

**The purpose of the application:** Matlakeng Extensions 15 comprises of approximately 351 erven. The township establishment process includes consolidation and subdivision of the farms, lodging of General Plan(s), and the incorporation of the newly created erven into the Mohokare Local Municipality Land Use Scheme, 2022.

**Proposed Land Use Scheme allocations for Matlakeng Extensions 15:** 343 "Residential 1" erven, 1 "Business 1" erf, 3 "Municipal Purposes" erven, 3 "Open Space 1" erf, 1 "Conservation" erf and "Roads and Streets".

Any objection(s), comment(s) or representation(s) must include full contact details (name, phone number, email and address), state the interest of the individual or entity in the application, clearly articulate the grounds for objection(s), comment(s) or representation(s) demonstrating the objection's basis, its undesirable effects, and/or inconsistencies with policy, per the requirements of Section 48, 49 and 50 of the Mohokare Local Municipality

Land Use Planning By-Laws, 2015. Written objection(s), comment(s) or representation(s) shall be lodged with or submitted to: The Acting Municipal Manager: Mr. Mopedi Sam Mohale, at Hoofd Street, Town Hall, Zastron, 9950, P.O. Box 20, Zastron, 9950 or emailed to mohalemopedi@yahoo.com from Friday, 24 October 2025 until Monday, 24 November 2025. Any person who cannot write may during normal office hours visit the above address where a staff member of the Municipality will assist by transcribing the objection(s), comment(s) or representation(s). Late submissions will not be accepted.

Full particulars and plans may be inspected during normal office hours at the Mohokare Local Municipality at the address provided above and at the Offices of Moster MOK Trading and Projects at the address provided below, from Friday, 24 October 2025 until Monday, 24 November 2025. If the Mohokare Municipal Offices are closed or otherwise inaccessible, an electronic copy of the application can be requested from the applicant at kwenam@tiscali.co.za during the same time period. Interested and affected parties must provide an e-mail address, or other means for electronic delivery. Failure to obtain a copy of the application(s) by interested or affected parties shall not be regarded as grounds for prohibiting the processing and consideration of the application(s). No part of the document(s) provided by the Mohokare Local Municipality or the applicant, may be copied, reproduced, or in any form published or used in a manner that will infringe on intellectual property rights of the applicant.

**Address of the applicant:** Physical Address: GIC-GAP Infrastructure Corporation Office1A, 1st Floor, Preller Walk Shopping Centre, Dan Pienaar, Bloemfontein, 9301; E-mail: kwenam@tiscali.co.za; Tel: 082 622 5277.

Publication dates: Friday, 24 October 2025 and Friday, 31 October 2025.

Closing date for objection(s), comment(s) or representation(s): Monday, 24 November 2025.

**KENNISGEWING VAN AANSOEK IN TERME VAN ARTIKEL 16(2)(A)(I) SAAMGELEES MET ARTIKEL 21 VAN DIE MOHOKARE MUNISIPALE GRONDGEBRUIKS-BESTUUR BY-WET, 2015 EN ARTIKEL 16(2)(A)(V) SAAMGELEES MET ARTIKEL 32 VAN DIE MOHOKARE MUNISIPALE GRONDGEBRUIKSBESTUUR BY-WET, 2015 VIR KONSOLIDASIE, ONDERVERDELING EN DORPSTIGTING VAN MATLAKENG UITBREIDINGS 11, 12, 13, 14 EN 15. DIE VOORGESTELDE DORP IS GELEË OP 'N GEDEELTE VAN GEDEELTE 2 EN 'N GEDEELTE VAN DIE RESTANT VAN DIE PLAAS MOOIFONTEIN 480, ZASTRON-RD, VRYSTAATPROVINSIE.**

Ek, Joseph Mokoena, van Moster MOK Trading and Projects (Pty) Ltd (Reg. Nr. 2018/376175/07), synde die gemagtigde applikant van Gedeelte 2 van die Plaas Mooifontein 480 en die Restant van die Plaas Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD is, wat besit word deur die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit gee hiermee kennis ingevolge Artikel 16(2)(a)(i) saamgelees met Artikel 21 van die Mohokare Munisipale Grondgebruiksbestuur By-Wet, 2015 en Artikel 16(2)(a)(v) saamgelees met Artikel 32 van die Mohokare Munisipale Grondgebruiksbestuur By-Wet, 2015, vir die vestiging van die voorgestelde Matlakeng Uitbreidings 11 tot 15 dorpe, die Konsolidasie, Onderverdeling en Dorpstigting,

**AANSOEKBESONDERHEDE:**  
**Naam van Dorp:** Matlakeng Uitbreiding 11  
**Eiendomsbeskrywing:** Gedeelte 2 van die Plaas Mooifontein 480 en die Restant van die Plaas Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

**Ligging:** Gedeelte 2 van die Plaas Mooifontein 480 en die Restant van die Plaas Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD, is oos geleë van die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aan die noordelike buitewyke van Zastron, wat as die administratiewe hoofstad van die Plaaslike Munisipaliteit beskou word. Die betrokke eiendomme lê langs Lucas Majozistraat en die R726.

**Doel van die aansoek:** Die aansoek poog om goedkeuring te verkry vir die vestiging van vier dorpe, naamlik Matlakeng Uitbreidings 11 tot 15, om die ontwikkeling van 'n geïntegreerde residensiële dorpe, met Matlakeng Uitbreidings 11 wat bestaan uit sowat 351 erwe moontlik te maak. Die dorpstigtingsproses sluit konsolidasie en onderverdeling van die plaas in, die indiening van Algemene Plan(ne), en die inkommering van die nuutgeskepte erwe in die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit Grondgebruikskema, 2022.

**Voorgestelde Grondgebruikskema-toewysings vir Matlakeng Uitbreiding 11:** 724 "Residensiële 1" erwe, 5 "Besigheid 1" erf, 3 "Vervoerdienste" erwe, 3 "Opvoedkundig" erwe, 1 "Munisipale Doeleindes" erf, 1 "Godsdienstige Doeleindes" erf, 5 "Oopruimte 1" erwe en "Paaië en Strate".

**Doel van die aansoek:** Die aansoek poog om goedkeuring te verkry vir die vestiging van vier dorpe, naamlik Matlakeng Uitbreidings 11 tot 15, om die ontwikkeling van 'n geïntegreerde residensiële dorpe, met Matlakeng Uitbreidings 11 wat bestaan uit sowat 743 erwe moontlik te maak. Die dorpstigtingsproses sluit konsolidasie en onderverdeling van die plaas in, die indiening van Algemene Plan(ne), en die inkommering van die nuutgeskepte erwe in die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit Grondgebruikskema, 2022.

**Voorgestelde Grondgebruikskema-toewysings vir Matlakeng Uitbreiding 11:** 724 "Residensiële 1" erwe, 5 "Besigheid 1" erwe, 2 "Vervoerdienste" erwe, 3 "Opvoedkundig" erwe, 3 "Munisipale Doeleindes" erwe, 1 "Godsdienstige Doeleindes" erf, 1 "Begraafplaas" erf, 4 "Oopruimte 1" erwe en "Paaië en Strate".

**Naam van Dorp: Matlakeng Uitbreiding 12**

**Eiendomsbeskrywing:** Gedeelte 2 van die Plaas Mooifontein 480 en die Restant van die Plaas Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

**Ligging:** Gedeelte 2 van die Plaas Mooifontein 480 en die Restant van die Plaas Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD, is oos geleë van die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aan die noordelike buitewyke van Zastron, wat as die administratiewe hoofstad van die Plaaslike Munisipaliteit beskou word. Die betrokke eiendomme lê langs Lucas Majozistraat en die R726.

**Doel van die aansoek:** Die aansoek poog om goedkeuring te verkry vir die vestiging van vier dorpe, naamlik Matlakeng Uitbreidings 11 tot 15, om die ontwikkeling van 'n geïntegreerde residensiële dorpe, met Matlakeng Uitbreidings 12 wat bestaan uit sowat 1 132 erwe moontlik te maak. Die dorpstigtingsproses sluit konsolidasie en onderverdeling van die plaas in, die indiening van Algemene Plan(ne), en die inkommering van die nuutgeskepte erwe in die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit Grondgebruikskema, 2022.

**Voorgestelde Grondgebruikskema-toewysings vir Matlakeng Uitbreiding 12:** 1 118 "Residensiële 1" erwe, 2 "Besigheid 1" erwe, 2 "Vervoerdienste" erwe, 3 "Opvoedkundig" erwe, 1 "Munisipale Doeleindes" erf, 2 "Godsdienstige Doeleindes" erwe, 4 "Oopruimte 1" erwe en "Paaië en Strate".

**Naam van Dorp: Matlakeng Uitbreiding 13**

**Eiendomsbeskrywing:** Gedeelte 2 van die Plaas Mooifontein 480 en die Restant van die Plaas Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

**Ligging:** Gedeelte 2 van die Plaas Mooifontein 480 en die Restant van die Plaas Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD, is geleë oos van die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aan die noordelike buitewyke van Zastron, wat as die administratiewe hoofstad van die Plaaslike Munisipaliteit beskou word. Die betrokke eiendomme lê langs Lucas Majozistraat en die R726.

**Doel van die aansoek:** Die aansoek poog om goedkeuring te verkry vir die vestiging van vier dorpe, naamlik Matlakeng Uitbreidings 11 tot 15, om die ontwikkeling van 'n geïntegreerde residensiële dorpe, met Matlakeng Uitbreidings 13 wat bestaan uit sowat 1 128 erwe moontlik te maak. Die dorpstigtingsproses sluit konsolidasie en onderverdeling van die plaas in, die indiening van Algemene Plan(ne), en die inkommering van die nuutgeskepte erwe in die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit Grondgebruikskema, 2022.

**Voorgestelde Grondgebruikskema-toewysings vir Matlakeng Uitbreiding 13:** 1 117 "Residensiële 1" erwe, 3 "Besigheid 1" erwe, 1 "Vervoerdienste" erf, 2 "Opvoedkundig" erwe, 1 "Munisipale Doeleindes" erf, 1 "Godsdienstige Doeleindes" erf, 3 "Oopruimte 1" erwe en "Paaië en Strate".

**Naam van Dorp: Matlakeng Uitbreiding 14**

**Eiendomsbeskrywing:** Gedeelte 2 van die Plaas Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

**Ligging:** Gedeelte 2 van die Plaas Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD, is oos geleë van die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aan die noordelike buitewyke van Zastron, wat as die administratiewe hoofstad van die Plaaslike Munisipaliteit beskou word. Die betrokke eiendomme lê langs Lucas Majozistraat en die R726.

**Doel van die aansoek:** Die aansoek poog om goedkeuring te verkry vir die vestiging van vier dorpe, naamlik Matlakeng Uitbreidings 11 tot 15, om die ontwikkeling van 'n geïntegreerde residensiële dorpe, met Matlakeng Uitbreidings 14 wat bestaan uit sowat 568 erwe moontlik te maak. Die dorpstigtingsproses sluit konsolidasie en onderverdeling van die plaas in, die indiening van Algemene Plan(ne), en die inkommering van die nuutgeskepte erwe in die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit Grondgebruikskema, 2022.

**Voorgestelde Grondgebruikskema-toewysings vir Matlakeng Uitbreiding 14:** 560 "Residensiële 1" erwe, 1 "Besigheid 1" erf, 1 "Vervoerdienste" erf, 1 "Godsdienstige Doeleindes" erf, 5 "Oopruimte 1" erwe en "Paaië en Strate".

**Naam van Dorp: Matlakeng Uitbreiding 15**

**Eiendomsbeskrywing:** Gedeelte 2 van die Plaas Mooifontein 480 en die Restant van die Plaas Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

**Ligging:** Gedeelte 2 van die Plaas Mooifontein 480 en die Restant van die Plaas Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD, is oos geleë van die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aan die noordelike buitewyke van Zastron, wat as die administratiewe hoofstad van die Plaaslike Munisipaliteit beskou word. Die betrokke eiendomme lê langs Lucas Majozistraat en die R726.

**Doel van die aansoek:** Die aansoek poog om goedkeuring te verkry vir die vestiging van vier dorpe, naamlik Matlakeng Uitbreidings 11 tot 15, om die ontwikkeling van 'n geïntegreerde residensiële dorpe, met Matlakeng Uitbreidings 12 wat bestaan uit sowat 351 erwe moontlik te maak. Die dorpstigtingsproses sluit konsolidasie en onderverdeling van die plaas in, die indiening van Algemene Plan(ne), en die inkommering van die nuutgeskepte erwe in die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit Grondgebruikskema, 2022.

**Voorgestelde Grondgebruikskema-toewysings vir Matlakeng Uitbreiding 15:** 343 "Residensiële 1" erwe, 1 "Besigheid 1" erf, 3 "Munisipale Doeleindes" erwe, 3 "Oopruimte 1" erf, 1 "Bewarings" erf en "Paaië en Strate".

Enige beswaar(e), kommentaar(e) of vertoë moet volledige kontakbesonderhede insluit (naam, telefoonnommer, e-pos en adres, die belang van die individu of entiteit in die aansoek vermeld, die redes vir beswaar(e), kommentaar(e) of vertoë duidelik

uitsensit, met verwysing na enige ongewenste gevolge of inkonsekwentheid met beleid ingevolge die vereistes van Artikels 48, 49 en 50 van die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit Grondgebruiksbestuur By-Wet, 2015. Skriftelike beswaar(e), kommentaar(e) of vertoë moet ingedien of gestuur word aan: Die Waarnemende Munisipale Bestuurder: Mnr. Mopedi Sam Mohale, by Hoofdstraat, Stadsaal, Zastron, 9950, Posbus 20, Zastron, 9950 of per e-pos aan mohalemopedi@yahoo.com vanaf Vrydag, 24 Oktober 2025 tot Maandag, 24 November 2025. Enige persoon wat nie kan skryf nie kan gedurende gewone kantoorure die bogenoemde adres besoek waar 'n munisipale personeel lid sal help met die verwoording van beswaar(e), kommentaar(e) of vertoë. Laat indienings sal nie aanvaar word nie.

Volledige besonderhede en planne kan gedurende gewone kantoorure besigtig word by die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit by die bogenoemde adres, asook by Moster MOK Trading and Projects se kantore by die onderstaande adres, vanaf Vrydag, 24 Oktober 2025 tot Maandag, 24 November 2025. Indien die Mohokare Munisipale Kantore gesluit is of andersins nie toeganklik is nie, kan 'n elektroniese kopie van die aansoek versoek word vanaf die applikant by kwenam@tiscali.co.za gedurende dieselfde tydperk. Geïnteresseerde en geaffekteerde partye moet 'n e-posadres of ander middele vir elektroniese aflewering verskaf. Om te versuim om 'n afskrif van die aansoek te bekom, sal nie beskou word as 'n rede om die verwerking en oorweging van die aansoek te verbied nie. Geen gedeelte van die dokument(e) wat deur die Mohokare Plaaslike Munisipaliteit of die aansoeker verskaf word, mag gekopieer, herproduseer of in enige vorm gepubliseer of gebruik word op 'n wyse wat inbreuk maak op die intellektuele eiendomsregte van die aansoeker nie.

**Adres van die applikant:** Fisiese adres: GIC-GAP Infrastructure Corporation Office1A, 1ste Vloer, Preller Walk Shopping Centre, Dan Pienaar, Bloemfontein, 9301; E-pos: kwenam@tiscali.co.za; Tel: 082 622 5277.

Publikasiedatums: Vrydag, 24 Oktober 2025 en Vrydag, 31 Oktober 2025.

Sluitingsdatum vir beswaar(e), kommentaar(e) of vertoë: Maandag, 24 November 2025.

**TSEBISO EA KOPO HO YA KA MELAO YA KAROLO YA 16(2)(A)(I) LE KAROLO YA 21 YA MOLAO LE TSEBLETSO EA MASEPALA OA MOHOKARE, WA 2015 LE KAROLO EA 16(2)(A)(V) HAMMOHO LE KAROLO YA 32 YA MOLAO OA TSEBLEDISO YA MOBU OA MASEPALA. 2015 BAKENG SA KOPANYA, HO ATISA LE HO THEHOA HA LEKEISHENE LA MATLAKENG KAROLO TSA 11, 12, 13, 14 LE 15.**

**LEKEISHENE LE KAROLONG EA KAROLO EA 2 EA FARM MOOIFONTEIN 480, ZASTRON-RD, LEBATOWENG LA FREE STATE.**

Na, Joseph Mokoena, of Moster MOK Trading and Projects (Pty) Ltd (Reg. No. 2018/376175/07), ke le mokopi ea lumelletseng oa Karolo ea 2 ea Farm Mooifontein 480 le Masalla a Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD, e leng ea Local Muction ea Mokarela. 16(2)(a)(i) ha e baloa hammoho le Karolo ea 21 ea Molao oa Tokiso ea Tsebeliso ea Mobeu oa Masepala oa Mohokare, oa 2015 le Karolo ea 16(2)(a)(v) e baloang le Karolo ea 32 ea Molao oa Tokiso ea Tsebeliso ea Mobeu oa Mohokare oa 2015 hore kopo e rometsoe ho Lekhotla la Masepala oa Mohokare. Ho theoa ho lumella ho theoa ha Matlakeng Extensions 11 ho konyeletsatsatsa Extension 15, kopanya ea Karolo ea 2 ea Polasi Mooifontein 480 le Masalla a Polasi ea Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD le karohano e latelang ea setša se kopaneng ho ba karolo e mehlanho.

## LITLHAKISO TSA KOPO:

**MORERO OA KOPO:** ke ho kopa tumello ea ho theoa ha makeishene a mahlanho, e leng Matlakeng Extensions 11 ho isa ho 15, ho etsa hore ho be le lekeishene le kopaneng la bolulo. Linthla tsa toropo e 'ngoe le e 'ngoe e sisintoeng li akaretsa ka tsela e latelang:

**Lebitso la Letoropo: Matlakeng Extensions 11 Township.**

Tihaloso ea Thepa: Karolo ea 2 ea Polasi Mooifontein 480 le Mesaletsatsatsa ea Polasi Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

Sebaka: Karolo ea 2 ea Farm Mooifontein 480 le mesaletsatsatsa ea Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD e lutse ka lehlakoreng le ka bochabela la sebaka sa taolo ea Masepala oa Lehale oa Mohokare mathōkong a ka leboea ho Zastron, e nkoang e le motse-moholo oa tsamaiso ea Lehale. Ho feta moo, litšala li fumaneha haufi le Lucas Majosi Street le R726.

**Sepheo sa kopo:** Matlakeng Extensions 11 e na le libaka tse ka bang 743. Ts'ebetso ea ho theoa ha makeishene e kenyeletsa khokahanyo le karohano ea mapolasi, ho beoa ha Meralo e Akaretsang, le ho konyeletsatsatsa ha setša se sa tsoa theoa kahara Morero oa Tsebeliso ea Mobeu oa Masepala oa Lehale oa Mohokare, 2022.

**Likabelo tsa Morero oa Tsebeliso ea Mobeu bakeng sa Matlakeng Extensions 11:** 724 "Residential 1" erven, 5 "Business 1" erven, 2 "Transport" erven, 3 "Thuto" 3, 1 "Municipal Purposes" erven, 1 "Sebaka sa Bolumeli", 1 "sebaka sa Mabitla", 4 sebaka se bulehileng le "Litsela le Litsela".

**Lebitso la Letoropo: Matlakeng Extensions 12 Township.**

Tihaloso ea Thepa: Karolo ea 2 ea Polasi Mooifontein 480 le Mesaletsatsatsa ea Polasi Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

Sebaka: Karolo ea 2 ea Farm Mooifontein 480 le mesaletsatsatsa ea Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD e lutse ka lehlakoreng le ka bochabela la sebaka sa taolo ea Masepala oa Lehale oa Mohokare mathōkong a ka leboea ho Zastron, e nkoang e le motse-moholo oa tsamaiso ea Lehale. Ho feta moo, litšala li fumaneha haufi le Lucas Majosi Street le R726.

**Sepheo sa kopo:** Matlakeng Extensions 12 e na le libaka tse ka bang 1 132. Ts'ebetso ea ho theoa ha makeishene e kenyeletsa khokahanyo le karohano ea mapolasi, ho beoa ha Meralo e Akaretsang, le ho konyeletsatsatsa ha setša se sa tsoa theoa kahara Morero oa Tsebeliso ea Mobeu oa Masepala oa Lehale oa Mohokare, 2022.

**Likabelo tsa Morero oa Tsebeliso ea Mobeu bakeng**

**sa Matlakeng Extensions 12:** 1 118 "Residential 1" erven, 2 "Business 1" erven, 2 "Transport" erven, 3 "Thuto" 3, 1 "Municipal Purposes" erven, 2 "Sebaka sa Bolumeli", 4 sebaka se bulehileng, le "Litsela le Litsela".

**Lebitso la Letoropo: Matlakeng Extensions 13 Township.**

Tihaloso ea Thepa: Karolo ea 2 ea Polasi Mooifontein 480 le Mesaletsatsatsa ea Polasi Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

Sebaka: Karolo ea 2 ea Farm Mooifontein 480 le mesaletsatsatsa ea Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD e lutse ka lehlakoreng le ka bochabela la sebaka sa taolo ea Masepala oa Lehale oa Mohokare mathōkong a ka leboea ho Zastron, e nkoang e le motse-moholo oa tsamaiso ea Lehale. Ho feta moo, litšala li fumaneha haufi le Lucas Majosi Street le R726.

**Sepheo sa kopo:** Matlakeng Extensions 13 e na le libaka tse ka bang 1 118. Ts'ebetso ea ho theoa ha makeishene e kenyeletsa khokahanyo le karohano ea mapolasi, ho beoa ha Meralo e Akaretsang, le ho konyeletsatsatsa ha setša se sa tsoa theoa kahara Morero oa Tsebeliso ea Mobeu oa Masepala oa Lehale oa Mohokare, 2022.

**Likabelo tsa Morero oa Tsebeliso ea Mobeu bakeng sa Matlakeng Extensions 13:** 1 117 "Residential 1" erven, 3 "Business 1" erven, 1 "Transport" erven, 2 "Thuto" 3, 1 "Municipal Purposes" erven, 1 "Sebaka sa Bolumeli", 3 sebaka se bulehileng, le "Litsela le Litsela".

**Lebitso la Letoropo: Matlakeng Extensions 14 Township.**

Tihaloso ea Thepa: Karolo ea 2 ea Polasi Mooifontein 480 le Mesaletsatsatsa ea Polasi Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD.

Sebaka: Karolo ea 2 ea Farm Mooifontein 480 le mesaletsatsatsa ea Farm Mooifontein 480, Zastron-RD e lutse ka lehlakoreng le ka bochabela la sebaka sa taolo ea Masepala oa Lehale oa Mohokare mathōkong a ka leboea ho Zastron, e nkoang e le motse-moholo oa tsamaiso ea Lehale. Ho feta moo, litšala li fumaneha haufi le

**GET TO KNOW YOUR DJ**  
**Behind the Decks:**  
**The Man, The Myth,**  
**Monacosoul's Music**



By: Lerato Mutlanyane

Forget everything you thought you knew about chill-out Afrohouse and Afrobeats lounge music. Monacosoul is on a mission to redefine it — one deep, hypnotic groove at a time. Behind the decks, he's a force that breathes life into every set, captivating audiences with an effortless blend of rhythm, soul, and precision. Hailing from the streets of Matopong in Reddersburg, Kamohelo "Monacosoul" Mareka, 30, discovered his calling back in 2008 during his high school years. He began playing at school events and parties before moving on to local taverns, clubs, and regional stages. His Afrohouse sets are electric — vibing at a hundred — as he reads the crowd and takes them on a sonic journey. His style is distinctive, deeply rooted in feeling and connection. Monacosoul draws inspiration from the maestro DJ Kent, and beyond his passion for music, he balances his career as a financial advisor at one of Africa's largest mutual assurance companies. Like many emerging artists, he faces challenges — from transport limitations to industry gatekeeping — especially for talents outside Bloemfontein. Yet his focus remains unwavering: to expand his influence across the Xhariep District and beyond, while creating opportunities for other small-town creatives like himself. For flawless track selections and infectious energy, follow Monacosoul's journey — a true dose of musical magic.

# Fine Dining, Vibes & Systemic Energy



By: Lerato Mutlanyane

The bass hits you first — whether it's a late Thursday evening or a vibrant Saturday night. Then comes the aroma of roasted rump and wood-fired pizza, the haze of hubbly smoke, the hum of conversation, and the rhythm of music drifting through the air. Add top-tier table service, and you're in a moment where the outside world simply fades away. Welcome to Cappello. Established in 2001, Cappello has become one of South Africa's most recognised hospitality brands — a space where world-class cuisine meets a vibrant, upscale atmosphere. But Cappello isn't just a restaurant. It's a cultural experience. "We are passionate about the people and the food we serve. It's a great restaurant that makes you feel like you're not sure whether you

went out or came home," says General Manager Zandisile Magadla. "Later at night on weekends, it transforms into a place you don't want to leave — great music, great drinks, and even better company." As the night unfolds, the dance floor becomes a kinetic core of swirling energy — where strangers turn into friends, moving together in rhythm. With a legacy built on food, passion, and people, Cappello has become a symbol of Bloemfontein's cool — stylish, social, and full of life. The music completes the experience. Resident DJs Sabatone, Mtour, Soul Provider, Sly, Jose Ramos, and others craft a sonic journey of deep, melodic beats that keep the crowd anchored to the floor, night after night. So, follow the sound. Let the rhythm take over. You'll know you're home — Cappello style.



## Women Emancipation Healing Retreat: Fixing Crowns

By: Lerato Mutlanyane

The bass hits you first — whether it's a late Thursday evening or a vibrant Saturday night. Then comes the aroma of roasted rump and wood-fired pizza, the haze of hubbly smoke, the hum of conversation, and the rhythm of music drifting through the air. Add top-tier table service, and you're in a moment where the outside world simply fades away. Welcome to Cappello. Established in 2001, Cappello has become one of South Africa's most recognised hospitality brands — a space where world-class cuisine meets a vibrant, upscale atmosphere. But Cappello isn't just a restaurant. It's a cultural experience. "We are passionate about the people and the food we serve. It's a great restaurant that makes you feel like

you're not sure whether you went out or came home," says General Manager Zandisile Magadla. "Later at night on weekends, it transforms into a place you don't want to leave — great music, great drinks, and even better company." As the night unfolds, the dance floor becomes a kinetic core of swirling energy — where strangers turn into friends, moving together in rhythm. With a legacy built on food, passion, and people, Cappello has become one of South Africa's most recognised hospitality brands — a space where world-class cuisine meets a vibrant, upscale atmosphere. Resident DJs Sabatone, Mtour, Soul Provider, Sly, Jose Ramos, and others craft a sonic journey of deep, melodic beats that keep the crowd anchored to the floor, night after night. So, follow the sound. Let the rhythm take over. You'll know you're home — Cappello style.

**NOTICE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 68 OF THE DEEDS REGISTRIES ACT, 1937, IN RESPECT OF A LOST TITLE DEED**

Notice is hereby given in terms of regulation 68 of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937, of the intention to apply for the issue of a certified copy of CERTIFICATE OF LEASEHOLD number TL11724/1991 passed by Estate Late SOPHIE PAULUS, Identity Number 5605061000868 (Estate Number 2447/2019), in favour of, GAMBU TRUST, Registration number IT281/2018(B) in respect of Erf 30669 MANGAUNG, EXTENSION 4 District BLOEMFONTEIN Province Free State In extent: 440 (Four Four Zero) square metres All interested persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds at Bloemfontein within two weeks from date of the publication of this notice. Dated at Bloemfontein this 23rd day of October 2025.

CONVEYANCER  
 NICOLAAS ALBERTUS STRAMPE (LPCM 57743)  
 STRAMPE DU PLESSIS ATTORNEYS  
 58C KELLNER STREET WESTDENE BLOEMFONTEIN  
 Email: admin@sdatt.co.za  
 Telephone no: 051 430 0841

## ChuffPlek Lounge

PRESENTS

# STINO LE THWENNY | KAYA

HEADLINERS

**LEGOODY. CEEYA. FINEST CHINA. TOBETSA. SAMZA. MISTY DEEP. SHOW-D. HLOKOZA NESTY. SIR JUICE. JAMES T. TLOTLO BASSIE. DJ MOCHICHWA SOULFUL NELZ. PANTSU THE TOURIST. SABZIRO. VESTA. SIR GENITO. KING DONNA. MANHLAPO. NAKED SOUL. MONACO SOUL. PAIGE DOBLE950 DJ PABLO. SQUARE PANTZ. MC FIRE**

MC: SHAUN-D

VENUE

MATLAKENG STADIUM

ZASTRON - FREE STATE

TICKET

R100

@GATE

R150

VIP - INDIVIDUAL

R750

VIP - TABLE FOR 4

R3000

ADMISSION

VIP TABLE RESERVATIONS: 060 434 3340

SAT.01 NOV.2025

COOLER BOX NOT ALLOWED - CASH BAR AVAILABLE. ALCOHOL WILL BE SOLD AT THE VENUE. BRING YOUR OWN CAMPING CHAIR. GATES OPEN AT 12PM. NO WEAPONS ALLOWED

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT COMPUTICKET

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

# Sport



## Mixed Spirits as Sundowns, Pirates Return to CAF

By: JN Reporter

Mamelodi Sundowns and Orlando Pirates head back into CAF interclub action this weekend in contrasting moods — Sundowns buoyed by their dominant first-leg display, while Pirates will be seeking a miracle after a disappointing opening performance in the competition.

Sundowns host Remo Stars at Loftus Versfeld on Sunday with confidence after securing a commanding advantage in their previous fixture, continuing their impressive run under Coach Miguel Cardoso. In contrast, Pirates face an uphill battle to overturn a 3-0 deficit, with Coach Abdeslam Ouaddou urging his side to show resilience and fight to keep their continental hopes alive.

The Brazilians picked up a 5-1 win in the first leg of their CAF second preliminary round clash in Abeokuta, Nigeria, which was a drubbing for one of Nigeria's more established NPFL sides.

Goals from Tashreeq Matthes, Peter Shalulile and Miguel Reisinho sent Sundowns into half-time 3-0 up. Arthur Sales then made it 4-0, before Samson Olasupo pulled one back for the hosts. Sundowns were not yet done, however, and Katlego 'Tsiki' Ntsabeleng completed the rout with his first goal for the club.

Downs head coach Cardoso has shed light on how his team managed to secure a dominant result against Remo Stars, attributing a win to his team's showing to the thorough preparation and study they did on the Nigerian Premier Football League (NPFL) outfit.

"I think any result would have to be produced from the respect that we had in terms of studying Remo Stars very well," said Cardoso.

"We saw six matches from Remo Stars, not only the two qualifying matches from the previous round in the Champions League. But we saw four matches from the championship, and I even went to watch last year's match that they played against AS FAR. So, that's the study and commitment you need to have when you play these kinds of matches - it's to go deep on the study of the opponents," he said.

Given that they picked up five away goals and away goals are the primary tiebreaker in two-legged CAF Champions League ties, it will be near impossible for Nigerian champions Remo Stars to upset last season's runners-up on their quest to return to the group stage even with a miraculous performance.

However, on the flipside, Pirates will have to rely on the power of the famous Orlando Stadium crowd colloquially known as 'The Ghost' when they look to overturn their 3-0 deficit to the DRC's Saint-Éloi Lupopo on Saturday.

The Buccaneers suffered a shock defeat in the first leg of their second preliminary round tie, to leave their CAF Champions League campaign on the ropes before the beginning of the group stage.

It was a heavy thud back to earth for Ouaddou's men, who were on a hot run of form.

However, they were stunned in Lubumbashi on Sunday. Lupopo opened the scoring in the third minute through Wanet Kashala.

Dramane Kambou doubled the lead in the 70th minute before an 88th minute strike from Jean Benoît Tukumbane left Pirates with a mountain to climb.

To make matters worse for the Buccaneers, they left DR Congo without an away goal.

Given that is the primary tiebreaker in CAF Champions League ties which finish level over two legs, Lupopo can put Pirates in a predicament if they score once in Johannesburg, as that will leave the hosts needing to score five times.

If Pirates win the second leg 3-0, then the match will go straight to penalties, with no extra time required.

Arthur Sales scored for Mamelodi Sundowns against Remo Stars in the first leg of their CAF Champions League preliminary round clash. Picture: @Ibrvheem\_

Orlando Pirates striker Evidence Makgopa. Picture: @GoalMzansi



## Miller, Coetzee ruled out of Pakistan white-ball tour



David Miller and Gerald Coetzee. Picture: SuperSport

The South African Men's selection panel today confirmed that Proteas Men's stand-in T20 International (T20I) captain David Miller and fast bowler Gerald Coetzee have been ruled out of the upcoming white-ball tour of Pakistan.

Miller, who was set to lead the T20I side in the three-match series from 28 October to 1 November, has been sidelined after scans conducted on Wednesday confirmed he had sustained a grade 1 right hamstring strain during training in the build-up to the tour. He will now begin a phased rehabilitation program.

Coetzee has been ruled out of both the T20I and three-match one-day international (ODI) series, scheduled from 4 - 8 November, due to a pectoral muscle injury.

The 25-year-old sustained the injury while bowling during the one-off T20I against Namibia in Windhoek earlier this month.

Subsequent scans revealed the extent of the injury and following specialist consultation, he has commenced a structured rehabilitation program under the supervision of the Cricket South Africa High Performance and Momentum Multiply Titans medical teams.

Batters Matthew Breetzke (Warriors) and uncapped Tony de Zorzi have been added to the T20I squad, while Titans batter Donovan Ferreira will captain the side.

Hollywoodbets Dolphins paceman Ottneil Baartman has been named as Coetzee's replacement in the ODI squad.

### Proteas T20I squad against Pakistan

Donovan Ferreira (captain, Momentum Multiply Titans), Ottneil Baartman (Hollywoodbets Dolphins), Corbin Bosch (Momentum Multiply Titans), Matthew Breetzke (Warriors), Dewald Brevis (Momentum Multiply Titans), Nandre Burger (World Sports Betting Western Province), Quinton de Kock (DP World Lions), Tony de Zorzi (World Sports Betting Western Province), Reeza Hendricks (DP World Lions), George Linde (World Sports Betting Western Province), Lungi Ngidi (Momentum Multiply Titans), Nqaba Peter (DP World Lions), Lhuan-dré Pretorius (Momentum Multiply Titans), Andile Simelane (Hollywoodbets Dolphins), and Lizaad Williams (Momentum Multiply Titans).

Note: The T20I squad departed for Islamabad from OR Tambo International Airport on Thursday.

### Proteas ODI squad against Pakistan

Matthew Breetzke (captain, Warriors), Ottneil Baartman (Hollywoodbets Dolphins), Corbin Bosch (Momentum Multiply Titans), Dewald Brevis (Momentum Multiply Titans), Nandre Burger (World Sports Betting Western Province), Quinton de Kock (DP World Lions), Tony de Zorzi (World Sports Betting Western Province), Donovan Ferreira (Momentum Multiply Titans), Bjorn Fortuin (DP World Lions), George Linde (World Sports Betting Western Province), Lungi Ngidi (Momentum Multiply Titans), Nqaba Peter (DP World Lions), Lhuan-dré Pretorius (Momentum Multiply Titans), Sinethemba Qeshile (Warriors) and Lizaad Williams (Momentum Multiply Titans).

### Fixtures

#### T20I Series

##### 1st T20I - Tuesday, 28 October

Pakistan v South Africa - Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi

##### 2nd T20I - Friday, 31 October

Pakistan v South Africa - Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore

##### 3rd T20I - Saturday, 1 November

Pakistan v South Africa - Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore

#### ODI Series

##### 1st ODI - Tuesday, 4 November

Pakistan v South Africa - Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad

##### 2nd ODI - Thursday, 6 November

Pakistan v South Africa - Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad

##### 3rd ODI - Saturday, 8 November

Pakistan v South Africa - Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad

-SuperSport.com

## Lukhanyo... A Shining Star From Free State Farms

By: Mogomotsi Selebi

Lukhanyo Stafa is one of Oranjekrag Combined School's learners currently residing at the local hostel.

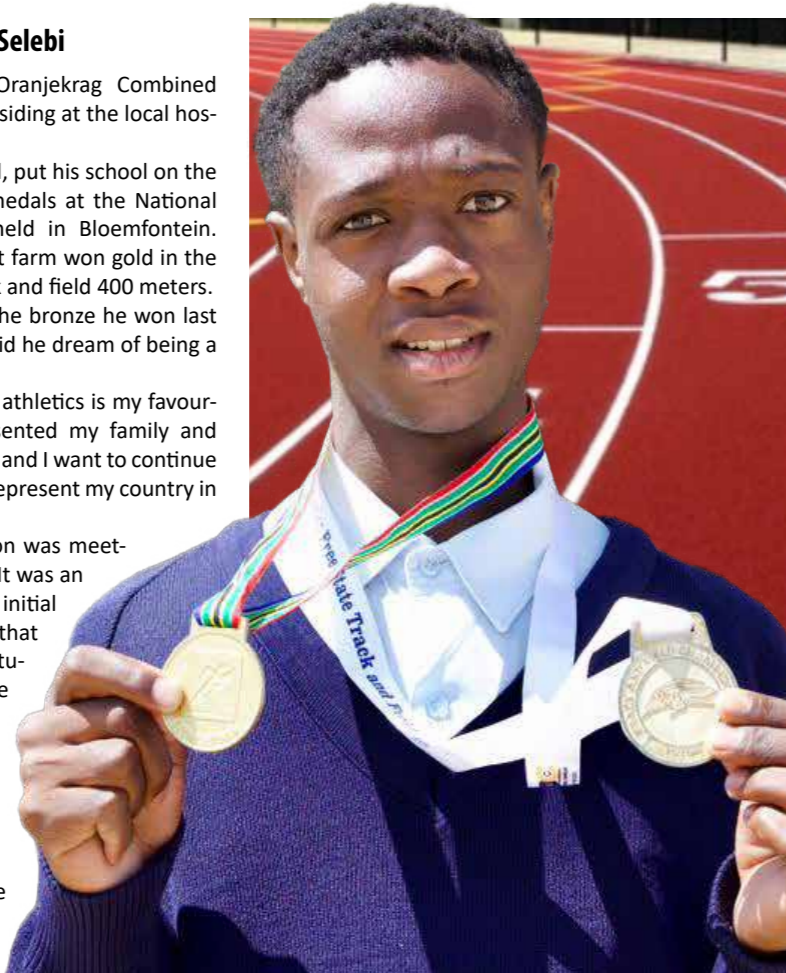
In April, Stafa, a Grade 10 pupil, put his school on the map by winning the two gold medals at the National School Sports Championships held in Bloemfontein. The 19-year-old from Otterspoort farm won gold in the 4x400 relays and also in the track and field 400 meters.

It was an improvement from the bronze he won last year and the soft spoken Stafa said he dream of being a world champion.

"I enjoy sports very much and athletics is my favourite. I am happy to have represented my family and school well at the championships and I want to continue improving. Ultimately, I want to represent my country in the Olympics," Stafa said.

His highlight at the competition was meeting his idol Wayde van Niekerk. "It was an incredible feeling and after the initial meeting, I received a message that he wanted to talk to me. Unfortunately, by the time the message was relayed to me, it was late and he had already left. I do hope to meet him again soon," he said.

With the final Grade 12 examinations officially underway, Premier MaQueen Letsoha-Mathae has wished the class of 2025 well.



## OMS Miane Shines at ICC Cricket World Cup



Miane Smit (20), from Oranje Meisieskool in Bloemfontein is named as a traveling reserve for the Proteas Women's squad at the 2025 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup that is currently taking place at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo.

Smith first caught the nation's attention when her composure at the crease and powerful batting made her one to watch.

Smith made her T20 International debut for

South Africa on Friday, and scored her first half century on Monday, albeit in a losing cause against the West Indies.

Smith is a member of Super Sport Schools Class of 2023 Top 30.

She represents the strength of school sport at the foundation. As she carries with her the hopes of a new generation of players proving that World Cups are won ten years before they are played. -SuperSport Schools.

# MAXIMIZING THE REGION'S ECONOMY

## DRIVING BUSINESS AT SUMMIT FOR SUCCESS

and strong investor confidence came together — paving  
a brighter, more prosperous future for Matjhabeng.



Mxoliso Khalipha. Picture: Baagedi Sethora

"The FRP is our blueprint for establishing sound governance and financial stability necessary to create a predictable and secure environment for long-term

investment," Khalipha explained.

The mayor also emphasized accountability and progress, stating that companies that made investment commitments will have between one and six months to act.

"We have given investors time limits because some projects are at the final stage, while others have completed social feasibility studies and are awaiting bank guarantees," he said.

Within the next 30 days, local government will reconvene stakeholders to begin training and mobilising the local economy. Khalipha added that the municipality's Local Economic Development (LED) strategy aims to empower residents to create jobs rather than rely solely on government tenders.

"We build capacity through our LED strategy to ensure local people can also create jobs and grow their businesses. We want them to be active participants in supply chains, not just employees," Khalipha said.

He further urged national companies to invest in Matjhabeng while ensuring that local businesses remain at the heart of economic transformation.

"We don't want our people to depend too much on other companies. We are focusing on supporting local entrepreneurs and ensuring they benefit from the real economy," he added.

Looking ahead, Khalipha shared his 2050 vision for Matjhabeng — one that combines service delivery and sustainable economic growth.

"We are working here based on the mandate of our people. They are tired of talk; they want action," Khalipha concluded.



## Deputy Minister Assures Better Opportunities for All

lauded the R60 billion in investment pledges made  
at the Matjhabeng Investment Summit, saying the initiatives  
will drive local economic growth, create jobs, and strengthen  
coordination across government.

has been saying — that local economic growth  
should dominate the government agenda. We  
need to talk about economic opportunities in  
our local areas and enhance them. When you  
improve roads and provide infrastructure, you  
contribute directly to economic activity in the  
area," said Mohai.

He highlighted that the investment summit  
plays a pivotal role in strengthening coordina-  
tion within government, particularly in relation  
to the Department of Planning, Monitoring and  
Evaluation.

Mohai added that all pledged projects will  
be closely tracked to ensure accountability and  
timely completion.

"We don't want projects that are perpetually  
under construction. If it's infrastructure, we  
want it completed within schedule. These pro-  
jects also align with the District Development  
Model, which requires districts to integrate and  
coordinate all their plans," he explained.

The Deputy Minister noted that key initia-  
tives such as the cargo airport and the gas-ena-  
bled Green Energy Hub are not only of provin-  
cial significance but also recognised nationally.  
He stressed that before investment summits  
take place, budgets must already be aligned  
with these projects to ensure smooth execu-  
tion.

Mohai further assured communities that  
the township economy and local residents will  
directly benefit from the upcoming develop-  
ments.

"Most of these projects are designed to serve  
the people. Even in mining activities, there will  
be opportunities for large-scale employment.  
When we move into manufacturing, we create  
jobs at a larger scale.

Even projects like building a school or a clinic  
contribute meaningfully because the demand  
for services emerges from within the commu-  
nity," he concluded.

# - Sisonke - Tesame

# Global Companies Invest Billions in Economically Savvy Matjhabeng



With a population of more than 700,000 people recorded in 2024, the Matjhabeng Local Municipality boasts a strong working-age population and a deep skills base rooted in the mining sector. This economic potential has attracted significant international interest, with global companies pledging billions of rand in new investments.

One such investor is Sébastien Investment and Logistique, an international firm specialising in banking, telecommunications, airports, and infrastructure. The company has committed nearly USD 65 million to the development of the Welkom Cargo Airport, with a further USD 200 million earmarked for a large-scale logistics hub designed to service more than 600 trucks linked to the airport.

In addition, the company plans to invest in the Khalisa Healthcare Centre and construct a new runway at the cargo airport.

Sébastien Investment and Logistique also announced a USD 500 million investment into an airfreight company, which will include the donation of five helicopters and ten aeroplanes to support operations at the Welkom Cargo Airport.

Meanwhile, renewable energy giant Mulilo Energy has pledged close to R13 billion at the investment summit.

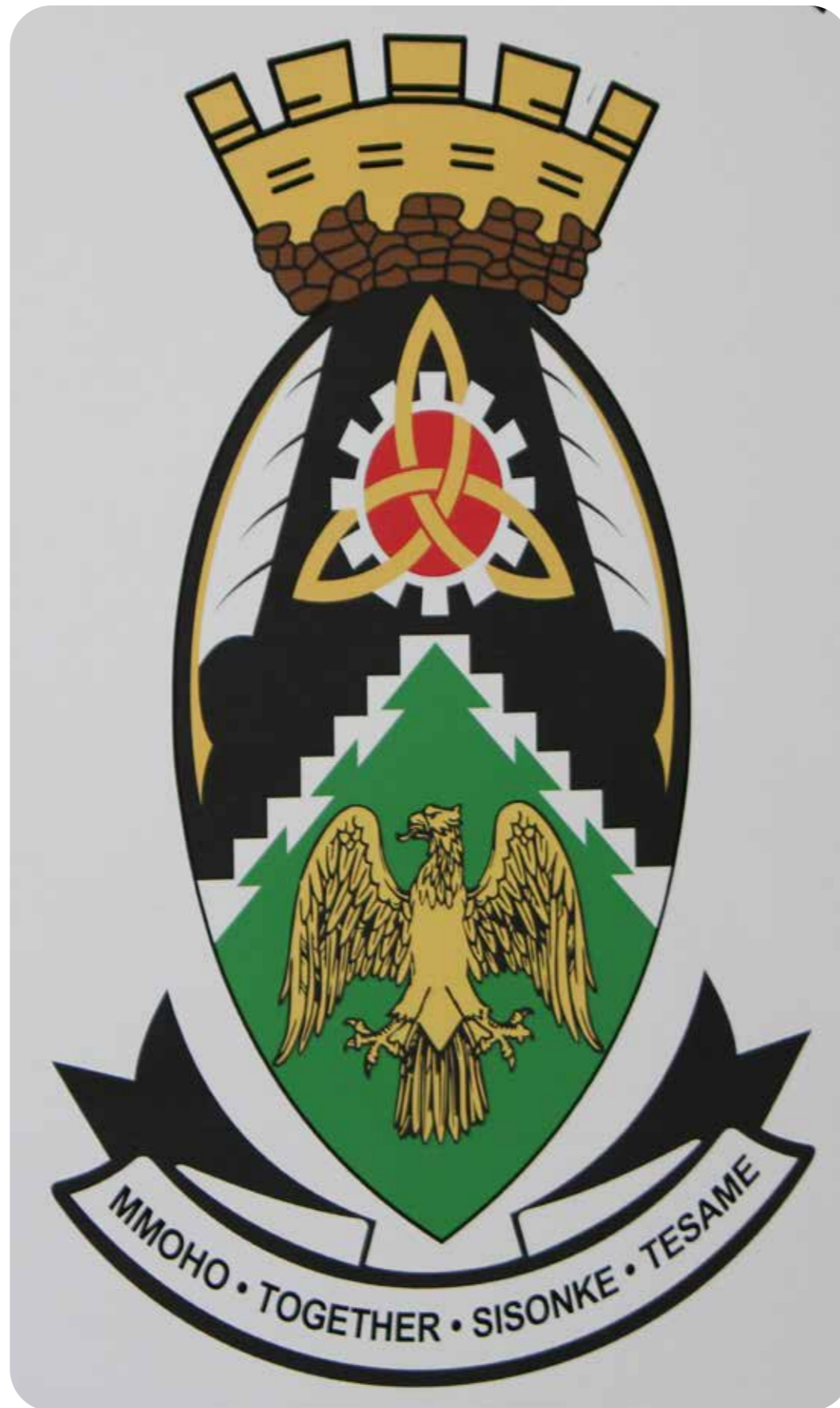
With nine active projects in the Free State, the company currently operates two solar PV farms and two battery storage facilities in Matjhabeng.

"As Mulilo, we are quite excited to partner with the Municipality of Matjhabeng. We have four projects currently under development within the area, which is strategically positioned both in terms of natural resources and its access to the grid," said John Messiahs, Mulilo's Corporate Affairs Director.

"Matjhabeng plays a crucial role in the country's energy security, and we look forward to positively impacting the lives of its residents," he added.

Also joining the wave of investment is the China-Africa Development Fund, which aims to inject sustainable financing into sectors such as power generation, logistics, infrastructure, and natural resources.

Representative Jiango Liu expressed optimism about the region's prospects, saying the fund is "ecstatic about the potential that Matjhabeng has" and eager to contribute to its continued economic growth.



## Matjhabeng: Remodelling a Brighter Future

By: Abigail Visagie

Executive Mayor of Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Thanduxolo Khalipa, has long been an avid believer in a vision that once seemed far from reach. Recently, that vision began to take shape when the mayor hosted the Matjhabeng Business Investment Summit, aiming to secure more than R100 billion in donations, partnerships, and long-term investments.

At the centre of his strategy lies the gas-enabled Special Economic Zone (SEZ) — a flagship initiative designed to safeguard the municipality from administrative and fiscal instability. Khalipa described the SEZ as a "well-structured and future-ready concept" that will anchor Matjhabeng's transition toward a smart, sustainable city.

Built on four key pillars, the gas-enabled SEZ provides investors — including major players like Mulilo Energy — with an opportunity to establish feasible, long-term growth plans.

The first pillar, the Gas-Enabled Green Energy Hub, leverages the Virginia Gas Project and includes an extensive 800+ MW solar and battery storage pipeline. This project aims to integrate cutting-edge technologies such as privately operated microgrids, offering reliable, low-carbon energy with a verifiable "green trade" advantage for exporters.

Situated in the heart of South Africa's maize and sunflower belt, Matjhabeng is also positioning itself as a leader in agro-processing. Under the SEZ framework, the Agricultural Value Chain will be structured as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) within a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. This initiative will focus on developing an integrated Agri-Hub for milling, oilseed crushing, and animal feed production — supported by advanced cold-chain and export logistics infrastructure aimed at tapping into both domestic and international markets.

Together, these initiatives form the backbone of Matjhabeng's bold economic transformation — a vision that seeks to turn the municipality into a model of sustainable growth, innovation, and inclusive development.



# Mmoho - Together - Sisonke - Tesame