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SPRINGBOK SOLAR POWER PLANT LIGHTS THE WAY FOR A GREENER FUTURE



Jonathan Skeen, Managing Director at SOLA Group / Thabo Mdwaba • SOLA Group executives and some of the representatives from corporate off-takers

By Lebohang Maloka
The town of Virginia in the Free State took centre stage this week as the SOLA Group officially commissioned the 195 MW Springbok Solar Power Plant, a groundbreaking renewable energy facility that not only strengthens South Africa's energy transition but also promises lasting social and economic benefits for the Matjhabeng region.
The event, attended by corporate leaders, government representatives, and media, celebrated Africa's first operational multi-buyer solar wheeling project, which allows multiple companies to source clean power from a single solar facility through the national grid. The project marks a historic milestone in South Africa's journey towards energy security and sustainability.
Delivered ahead of schedule, the Springbok Solar Power Project, valued at R3 billion, is now fully operational. The plant will generate over 430,000 MWh of clean electricity annually, enough to power approximately 150,000 homes and offset nearly 400,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions every year.
According to Katherine Persson, Managing Director of Assets at SOLA Group, the Springbok project represents the culmination of years of vision, collaboration, and community partnership.
"This project was first initiated four years ago, and today we stand proud to see it fully

operational," Persson said at the official opening. "It's a project of many firsts - the fastest we've ever delivered, completed ahead of schedule, and the first to bring so many partners together under one innovative energy model. We also take great pride in the relationships we've built through our community liaison projects and in achieving the highest number of women employed on-site, with 26% of our workforce being female. That's something truly worth celebrating."
Jonathan Skeen, Managing Director at SOLA Group, echoed his sentiment, describing the plant as "a blueprint for the future of large-scale private energy in South Africa," showcasing how renewable energy can be delivered "reliably, flexibly, and at scale."
Beyond its contribution to the national grid, the project has already made a tangible difference in the Virginia community. To date, SOLA has invested over R375 million in local economic development and employment initiatives. More than 500 residents were employed during construction, with nearly half of them being youth and over a quarter being women.
In partnership with the Matjhabeng Municipality, SOLA has rolled out several community upliftment programmes designed to leave a lasting legacy.
Through the Sports Against Crime initiative, local schools in Virginia and Welkom

participate in youth tournaments that promote teamwork, health, and resilience while steering young people away from negative influences.
Another standout success is the Sewing and Fashion Programme, which equipped 47 unemployed learners in 2024 with formal qualifications and their own sewing machines, enabling them to start small businesses or find employment in the textile industry.
Thabi Mohoboko, SOLA Group's Stakeholder Engagement Facilitator, said the company's approach to empowerment extended far beyond job creation.
"This project truly reached into the heart of our communities. We made sure young people from Wards 4 to 9 were given opportunities to work and gain experience. We also partnered with the nearby correctional facility to employ rehabilitated offenders, giving them a second chance to rebuild their lives with dignity."
Local contractor and businesswoman Esther Mphore commended SOLA Group for its dedication to genuine community development.
"As someone who has worked closely with the project, I've seen the real difference it has made," she said. "From supporting small local businesses to training young people and women, SOLA didn't just build a power plant; they helped build a stronger community."
The Springbok Solar Power Plant is supported

by a robust lineup of corporate off-takers, including Amazon, Sibanye-Stillwater, Sasol, Vodacom, Old Mutual, Redefine, Afrimat, Rio Tinto, and BRM Brands. Together, they form the backbone of South Africa's new era of private renewable power.
The project was financed by leading South African banks, including RMB, Investec, ABSA, Revego, and Ubuzwe. Additionally, the project was constructed in partnership with WBHO.
Sibanye-Stillwater CEO Richard Stewart hailed the milestone as part of the company's broader 600 MW renewable energy strategy, saying it represents "another tangible step toward carbon neutrality by 2040."
Looking ahead, SOLA is preparing to expand its impact in the region with the upcoming Naos 1 and Nyala solar and storage projects, planned for Viljoenskroon and Welkom. Together, they will add 770 MW of solar power and more than 1.5 GWh of battery energy storage, solidifying the Free State's role at the heart of South Africa's renewable revolution.
With Virginia now home to the continent's first multi-buyer solar wheeling facility, the Free State has become a symbol of innovation and progress. The project serves as proof that renewable energy development can go hand in hand with local empowerment, lighting up homes, powering industries, and building a more sustainable future for generations to come.

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As we head into the last stretch of the year, many households are preparing for school holidays, family gatherings, travel plans, and the early stages of festive season shopping. In addition to an increase in day-to-day spending, this unfortunately also means more opportunities for fraudsters to target unsuspecting individuals.

“As we enter the final months of the year, it’s important for individuals to remain alert to scams and fraudulent activity. Fraudsters know that this is a time when people are more relaxed, distracted, or busy with family plans, making them more vulnerable to scams. Protecting yourself comes down to awareness, caution, and using the secure tools your bank provides,” says Dhashni Naidoo, Consumer Education Programme Manager at FNB.

Why this time of year matters
According to the South African Banking Risk Information Centre (SABRIC), digital banking fraud incidents more than doubled from 31,612 cases in 2023 to 64,000 in 2024, with financial losses exceeding R1.4 billion. While it isn’t December yet, transaction volumes are already on the rise as families prepare for Black Friday, holidays, school breaks, and upcoming events. Fraudsters know this, and they use the increased pace of life and our moments of distraction to their advantage.

Naidoo also stresses that education and awareness are your best defences. “The more you understand how scams work, the less likely you are to be caught off guard. It’s

about building simple but consistent habits that make it harder for fraudsters to succeed. Small, everyday habits like always verifying text messages, links, or calls through your bank’s official channels can go a long way in keeping your finances safe.”

How scammers use social engineering to sneak in:
FNB’s Head of Card Transact, Industry and Fraud Detection Chris Boxall says fraud has become more than just card skimming or stolen details. It’s about criminals inserting themselves into your daily life, through social engineering, especially when you’re already juggling bigger financial commitments.

Social engineering refers to the act of psychologically manipulating victims into performing actions or divulging confidential information. And, when scammers use this strategy, the trickery often begins with something that feels normal: a routine-looking SMS, a WhatsApp alert, or even a phone call from someone claiming to be from your bank. Fraudsters use these otherwise ordinary platforms to manipulate unsuspecting members of the public into giving them unauthorised access to bank accounts, money, and other important assets. They often achieve this through tactics like:

- **Phishing:** emails disguised as communication from your bank or South African Revenue Service (SARS), often promising tax refunds
- **Vishing:** calls where imposters pose as

bank staff and pressure you for sensitive information

- **Smishing** also known as Messaging scams: on WhatsApp or SMS that push urgent links or payment requests
- **Quishing:** scams using QR codes that redirect to fake websites

More than **63% of cases reported** by SABRIC involved the stealing of personal information through emails, fake websites, social media or text messages (phishing), or through phone calls or voice messages (vishing), or other related scams.

“Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated in the ways in which they execute social engineering. From phishing and vishing to fake WhatsApp messages and suspicious texts, they exploit our trust, our busy schedules, and even our sense of urgency or panic,” adds Boxall.

Boxall warns that tax season adds another risk. “Fraudsters know many South Africans are expecting communication from the South African Revenue Service (SARS) about returns or funds. They use this to send out convincing emails or SMSes with fake links. Always double check using official SARS or bank channels.”

Practical ways to protect yourself
FNB encourages consumers to combine vigilance, education and awareness, and smart banking habits with secure tools:

- **Pause before you act:** If a message or call

feels rushed or suspicious, stop and think about your next move.

- **Verify directly:** Contact FNB through the official number which is 087 575 9444 or the FNB Banking App instead of responding to unsolicited requests.
- **Protect sensitive data:** Never share PINs, passwords, or OTPs, no matter who asks. And remember that legitimate FNB staff will never, under any circumstances, ever ask you for this information.
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“Awareness is your first line of defence against fraud” says Boxall. “And, with a combination of vigilance and the right tools, you can keep yourself safe from fraudsters.”

“The more informed you are about how scams work, the better equipped you are to stop them before they start. As a bank, we believe that helping our customers by empowering them with knowledge is just as important as providing secure banking tools. Yes, an FNB Virtual Card or our Smart Alerts can give you peace of mind. But the real difference comes when you make fraud awareness part of your everyday routine. That’s especially important as we head toward the busy year-end period,” he concludes.

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Residents and Civic Groups Clean Up Welkom Fire Station

By Ntshebo Mhlambi

Concerned residents and civic organisations joined a community cleaning drive at the Welkom Fire Station on 25 October 2025 to support municipal efforts and restore a neglected public facility.

The Thabang Leteane Development Foundation partnered with Voice for Change (GATVOL) to lead the initiative. Volunteers cleared debris, tidied the grounds and carried out light maintenance, with several local firefighters joining the effort.

The foundation thanked community members and local businesses for their donations and sponsorships, saying the support was vital to the campaign's success. Organisers described the collaboration as a demonstration of civic unity and a commitment to maintaining clean, safe public spaces across Matjhabeng.

Planned follow-up activities aim to extend the programme to other towns in the municipality, encouraging ongoing community involvement and local accountability.



KOPO YA TUMELLO HO TSA TIKOLOHO BAKENG SA:

1. TOKELO YA HO RAFA SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) (FS 10005 MR)
Reference ya DMRE: FS-00040-MR/11
LE

2. TOKELO YA HO RAFA YA BEATRIX (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))
Reference ya FS-00093-MS/102
GCS REF. NO: 25-0019

TSEBISO: Mona ho fanwa ka tsebisano ka ho ya ka Kgaolo ya 6 ya Molawanaw a Tsebisano ya Mmuso (GN R) 982 o phatlaladitsweng tlasa karolo ya 24(5) le 44 tsa Molao wa Naha wa Taolo ya Tikoloho, 1998 (No. 107 wa 1998) (NEMA) bakeng sa ho romelwa ha Ditumello tsa Tikoloho (di-EA) tse pedi mabapi le Mosebetsi wa 21D o hlauweng ka ho ya ka molawana wa tsebisano yam muso wa GN R 983 bakeng sa kopo ya Karolo ya 102 ka ho ya ka Molao wa Ntshetsopele ya Mehlopi ya Diminerale le Petroliamo, 2002 (Molao wa No. 28 wa 2002) ho fetola ditokelo tsa ho rafa tse boletsweng mona ka tlase.

SEBAKA: Tokelo ya ho Rafa e ntseng e le teng ya Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold) SOFS (MR) (FS 10005 MR) e mane Seterekeng sa Makgistrata wa Freistata sa Ventersburg, Theunissen le Winburg. Tokelo ya ho Rafa e sebakeng se ka etsang dikilometara (km) tse 6 ka borwa ho Virginia, Masepaleng wa Selehae wa Matjhabeng.

Tokelo ya ho Rafa e ntseng e le teng ya Beatrix MR ya Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold) (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) e mane Seterekeng sa Masepala sa Freistata sa Theunissen le Ventersburg. Tokelo ya ho Rafa e sebakeng se ka etsang dikilometara (km) tse 25 ka borwa ho Virginia, Masepaleng wa Selehae wa Matjhabeng.

TLHALOSO YA PROJEKE: Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), setheo se ka tlasa Neo Energy Metals, se fumane kananelo ya bohlokwa ho tswa Bankeng ya Risetse ya Afrika Borwa ho tswela pele ka phihlelo ya tjhafo ya Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4. Ho tshetsetsa phihlelo ena, Sibanye-Stillwater e tshwanetse ho phetha diketsahalo tse latelang:

- Ho fetisa bong ba Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Southern Free State (SOFS) (FS 10005 MR), eo ha jwale e tshwerweng ke Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), ho Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).
- Ho Kopanya karolo ya Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Sibanye Gold Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) le Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya SOFS (FS 10005 MR).
- E fetise Tokelo e setseng ya ho Rafa ya Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) ho tswa ho Sibanye Gold ho ya ho Neo Energy.

Re kopa hore le ele hloko hore tshetsetso tse na tsa tsamaiso ha di kenyetsetse diphetoho dife kapa dife ho tshetsetso tsa ho rafa tse ntseng di le teng kapa meralo ya motheo e amanang le hoo. Mosebetsi yohle ya ho rafa le meralo ya motheo e tshetsetsang e tla nne e tswela pele jwalo ka ha e ne e dumelletsewe pejana.

DITLHOKO TSA MOLAO: Kopo ya semmuso ya Tumello ya Tikoloho e ile ya romelwa ho Lefapha la Mehlopi ya Diminerale le Eneji la Freistata (DMRE) ka la 14 Motsheanong 2025 bakeng sa ditokelo tsa ho rafa tse latelang:

- Wits Gold – Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya SOFS (FS 10005 MR), Reference ya DMRE: FS-00040-MR/11.
- Sibanye Gold – Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Beatrix (FS 10047 MR; eo pejana e neng e le FS 081 MR), Reference ya DMRE: FS-00093-MR/102.

Dikopo tse na di ile tsa etsa hore ho qalwe ka molao tshetsetso ya Tekolo ya Motheo tlasa NEMA. Tshetsetso ena ya Tekolo ya Motheo e tla etswa ka ho latela Molawana wa Tsebisano ya Mmuso wa GN R 982.

MOSEBELETSI WA TEKOLU YA TIKOLOHO: GCS Environment SA (Pty) Ltd (GCS) e kgethuwe jwalo ka Mosebeletsi wa Tekolo ya Tikoloho ya Ikemetseng hore e thusa ka tshetsetso ya kopo ho Lefapha la Mehlopi ya Diminerale le Eneji la Freistata (DMRE).

MEMO YA HO NKA KAROLO LE HO TSHWAELA KA MORALO WA DIPEHELO TSA TEKOLU YA MOTHEO: Moralo wa Diipehelo tsa Tekolo ya Motheo o tla fumaneha hore batho ba o bone mme ba tshwaele ho tloha ka la 14 Pulungoana ho ya ho la 15 Tshitwe 2025 dibakeng tse boletsweng lenaneng le mona ka tlase. Ditshwaelo tse ngotsweng le ditaba tse tiiseditsweng di tshwanetswe ho romelwa ho GCS ho eso fete la 15 Tshitwe 2025.

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MEMO DIKOPANONG: Ho hlophisitswe dikopano tse tla neha setjhaba monyetla wa ho fumana tlhahisoleseding e eketsehileng ka Projeke le ho nka karolo tshetsetso. Mona setjhaba se mengwa ho kenela e nngwe ya dikopano tsa setjhaba tse latelang.

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Batho ba Anngweg hape ba nang le Kgahleho ba ratang ho ingodisa, ho nka karolo ka ho fana ka ditshwaelo kapa ba batlang ho fumana tlhahisoleseding e eketsehileng, ba kotjwa ho iteanya le:

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APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE:

1. SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR)
DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11
AND

2. THE BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))
DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MS/102
GCS REF. NO: 25-0019

NOTICE: Notice is given in terms of Chapter 6 of Government Notice Regulation (GN R) 982 published under section 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for the submission of two Environmental Authorisations (EAs) in respect of Activity 21D identified in terms of GN R 983 for a Section 102 application in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) to amend the mining rights listed below.

LOCATION: Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold) SOFS existing Mining Right (MR) (FS 10005 MR) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Ventersburg, Theunissen and Winburg. The Mining Right is located approximately 6 kilometres (km) south of Virginia, Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold) exiting Beatrix MR (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Theunissen and Ventersburg. The Mining Right is located approximately 25 km south of Virginia, Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received key approvals from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 shaft. In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:

- Transfer ownership of the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), currently held by Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), to Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).
- Consolidate a portion of the Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR).
- Transfer the remainder of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) from Sibanye Gold to Neo Energy.

Please note that these administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting infrastructure will continue as previously authorised.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS: An official application for EA was submitted to the Free State Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) on the 14 May 2025 for the following mining rights:

- Wits Gold – SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11.
- Sibanye Gold – Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR; formerly FS 081 MR), DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MR/102.

These applications triggered the formal commencement of the Basic Assessment process under the NEMA. The Basic Assessment process will be undertaken in line with GN R 982.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER: GCS Environment SA (Pty) Ltd (GCS) has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to facilitate the application process with the Free State DMRE.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS: The Draft Basic Assessment Reports will be available for public review and comment from 14 November to 15 December 2025 at the locations noted in the table below. Written comments and substantiated issues must be submitted to GCS by 15 December 2025.

Place	Address
Meloding Public Library	Meloding Street, Virginia
Virginia Public Library	Virginia Garden Circle
GCS Website	https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/
Sibanye's data free portal	https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login

INVITATION TO MEETINGS: Meetings have been scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to obtain more information on the Project and to participate in the process. The public are hereby invited to attend one of the following public meetings.

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 26 November 2025	14h00	Ferdie Meyer Hall (Welkom Central)

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LEGAL CORNER

A legal guide to comprehending property sales following the death of a seller

By Advocate Sephiri Moshodi Executive Director: Justice Equality Foundation

Introduction:

A legally enforceable contract is formed when a person signs an Offer to Purchase (OTP) to sell their property. When the seller dies after the OTP is signed but before the property transfer is recorded at the Deeds Office, it is a common cause for concern. The main legal rule guiding this situation is that a lawful contract is not always nullified by the death of a party. The estate of the deceased inherits the rights and responsibilities outlined in the OTP. The estate "steps into the shoes" of the deceased seller and is obligated to uphold the conditions of the sale agreement through the representation of a legally designated executor.

As long as the OTP was properly completed, this guarantees the protection of a buyer's rights and the fulfilment of the deceased's contractual obligations. However, the process is subject to the deceased estate's administration, which adds certain steps and possible delays.

The legal system: Functions and protocols

The primary function of the executor The Master of the High Court must be notified of the seller's estate upon their passing. Letters of Executorship, the formal instrument granting the executor authority, are then issued by the Master to designate an executor. Only this executor has the legal right to manage the estate's assets and liabilities and to act on its behalf. Only the executor, not the heirs, is recognised by the court as the estate's representative, according to case law. The executor's main responsibility is to manage the estate in accordance with the law, which includes upholding the deceased's

legitimate contracts.

Procedures for completing the transfer Authority and appointment: The official appointment of the executor is the first stage. No one is permitted to lawfully sign transfer documents on behalf of the deceased's estate in the absence of letters of execution.

Following the OTP: The executor must carry out the sale in accordance with the OTP's instructions. As the representative of the estate, they will sign the required transfer forms.

Administration of the Estate: All estate obligations must be paid off by the executor before the property can be transferred. This entails securing clearance certificates for rates and taxes from the nearby municipality and making certain that all other debts are settled.

The buyer has legal options if an executor wilfully delays or refuses to honour a legitimate OTP. The buyer may request a court order requiring the executor to fulfil their end of the bargain. When disagreements or needless delays impede the process, this kind of action is usually the last option.

Important lessons learnt:

A contract remains what it is: If the seller dies, a legitimate Offer to Purchase (OTP) remains valid. The seller's estate is nonetheless bound by the terms of the agreement. The executor needs to take action: The executor "steps into the shoes" of the seller and is required to honour the OTP and carry out the property transfer after being chosen by the Master of the High Court to oversee the deceased's estate. Anticipate delays: Compared to a typical

transaction, the transfer process is probably going to take longer. The property cannot be transferred to the buyer's name until the executor has been properly appointed and all estate debts have been paid.

Conclusion:

The sale of a property does not end if the seller passes away after signing an OTP. The agreement is still enforceable against the estate of the deceased. The designated executor is required by law to complete the

transfer, including signing paperwork and paying off estate debts. The buyer's right to take possession of the property is protected, even though the estate administration procedures may cause delays in the process.

For the procedure to go well and guarantee that the deceased's last intentions, as stated in the sale agreement, are honoured, there must be clear communication between the buyer, the executor, and the conveyancer.

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FS PREMIER SHOWERED THE ELDERLY PERSONS WITH GIFTS



By Dan Xangaza
Free State Premier MaQueen Letsoha-Mathae, through the Special Programmes Unit, hosted a community outreach programme dedicated to older persons at Relebeletse Primary School in Phase 4, Bloemfontein, in Ward 45. The initiative aimed to empower older people with valuable information about government programmes and services available to them. Elderly citizens gathered to engage directly with representatives from various government departments who shared critical insights on social services,

safety measures, and reporting channels for cases of abuse and neglect. The department also highlighted ongoing initiatives designed to improve the quality of life for elderly persons within the province. The elderly were encouraged to take part in community luncheons and activities, which not only promote active ageing but also create platforms for their voices to be heard. Through these gatherings, issues raised by older persons can be swiftly referred to social workers for appropriate intervention. Premier Letsoha-Mathae commended

older people for their active participation but expressed concern over the state of cleanliness in Ward 45. She noted that several areas that had been cleaned and refurbished just two weeks earlier had since fallen back into disrepair due to illegal dumping. The Premier also reflected on the broader challenges facing the province, noting that the COVID-19 pandemic had forced many investors to withdraw funding, resulting in a slowdown in economic growth and, consequently, delays in service delivery. Despite these challenges, Premier Letsoha-Mathae

assured older people that their concerns would be given due attention and that her office remains committed to improving conditions and service delivery in the community. The older adults were treated to a lovely lunch and also received gifts, such as blankets and walking sticks, from the Premier and her executive council. The outreach programme was well-received by about 600 attendees, who appreciated the opportunity to engage directly with leadership and access critical information aimed at enhancing their well-being.



Universal Blessing



Rev. M.J. Setlaelo and Mrs Setlaelo

Moravian Methodist Church Reaches Out to Vulnerable in Bronville. The Church held a community outreach at the Bronville dumping site, providing food, clothing, and spiritual support to people living in vulnerable circumstances. Led by Rev. M.J. Setlaelo and his wife, church members returned to the site as part of an ongoing mission to assist the homeless and less fortunate. The congregation stated that it aims to restore dignity, nourish the spirit, and provide practical assistance that can lead to improved living

conditions, enhanced employment prospects, and healthier homes. The church invoked Philippians 2:3-4 to underline its commitment to humility and service: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." The Moravian Methodist Church is based at 14311 James Moroka Street, Putswastene, Thabong. For more information or enquiries, contact [073 169 9968](tel:0731699968).





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A powerful keynote address inspired attendees to emulate Tambo's bravery and principles

By Dikeledi Ntsollane
A distinguished O.R. Tambo Memorial Lecture Gala Dinner took place on Friday, 24 October at Ferdie Meyer Hall in Welkom. Hosted by the Department of Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation in partnership with the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, the event drew executive mayors, local councillors, government officials and representatives from federations and

district offices. The programme opened with the national anthem and a performance by guest artist Motlatsi Matsoso. Itumeleng Nthoba, Programme Director, formally inaugurated the evening, while Matjhabeng Executive Mayor, Cllr. Thanduxolo Khalipha delivered welcoming remarks. Cllr. Bulelwa Kabi, MMC for Community Services and Special Programmes,

introduced distinguished visitors. MEC Zanele Sifuba delivered the keynote address, urging attendees to preserve O.R. Tambo's legacy by defending democracy and embracing the responsibilities that accompany rights. "It is your solemn duty to protect this democracy, a legacy entrusted to you by O.R. Tambo," she said, stressing that rights must be matched by civic responsibility.

The lecture concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Tswelopele Mayor Cllr. Kenalemang Phukuntsi. Thanking everyone who had come to the significant celebration of O.R. Tambo's life and legacy. A new generation of leaders was motivated to emulate this great symbol by the overwhelming success of the O.R. Tambo Memorial Lecture Gala Dinner.



OBSTETRIC SERVICES (PREGNANCY & CHILDBIRTH)

ANTENATAL & PREVENTIVE CARE

- Routine antenatal check-ups (blood pressure, weight, fundal height)
- Blood tests and urine tests (anaemia, infections, blood group, glucose)
- Ultrasound scans: dating scan, nuchal translucency, anomaly scan, growth scan
- Foetal monitoring (NST – non-stress test, CTG – cardiotocography)
- Maternal vaccinations (tetanus, influenza, COVID-19)
- Nutritional counselling and supplementation (iron, folic acid, calcium)
- Genetic counselling and testing

LABOUR & DELIVERY

- Normal vaginal delivery
- Assisted vaginal delivery (forceps or vacuum)
- Caesarean section (elective and emergency)
- Pain management in labour (epidural, analgesia)
- Induction and augmentation of labour

HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY MANAGEMENT

- Pre-eclampsia/eclampsia monitoring
- Gestational diabetes management
- Multiple pregnancies (twins, triplets)
- Cardiac or medical conditions in pregnancy
- Rh incompatibility and immunoglobulin administration

POSTNATAL CARE

- Immediate postpartum care (bleeding control, uterine involution)
- Lactation support and breastfeeding counselling
- Family planning counselling
- Postpartum depression screening and support

OTHER OBSTETRIC SERVICES

- Management of miscarriage, threatened miscarriage, or ectopic pregnancy
- Stillbirth and neonatal loss support
- Placental complications management (previa, abruption)
- Foetal growth restriction management
- Preterm birth prevention and management

GYNAECOLOGICAL SERVICES (WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH)

PREVENTIVE & SCREENING SERVICES

- Routine pelvic exams
- Pap smear / cervical cancer screening
- HPV testing
- Breast examination and breast cancer screening
- Bone health screening (osteoporosis in postmenopausal women)

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & FERTILITY

- Contraception counselling and provision (pills, implants, IUDs, sterilization)
- Fertility evaluation (hormonal tests, ultrasound, semen analysis)
- Assisted reproductive techniques referral (IVF, IUI)
- Menstrual disorder management (heavy bleeding, irregular cycles, dysmenorrhea)
- Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) diagnosis and management
- Endometriosis management (medical and surgical)

SURGICAL GYNAECOLOGY

- Laparoscopic surgery (diagnostic and therapeutic)
- Hysteroscopy (polyp or fibroid removal, septum correction)
- Hysterectomy (laparoscopic, abdominal, or vaginal)
- Myomectomy (fibroid removal)
- Ovarian cystectomy
- Pelvic organs prolapse repair

INFECTION & STI MANAGEMENT

- Diagnosis and treatment of urinary tract infections (UTIs)
- Diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Vaginitis and vulvitis management
- HPV vaccination

MENOPAUSE & HORMONAL HEALTH

- Management of perimenopausal and postmenopausal symptoms
- Hormone replacement therapy (HRT)
- Bone and cardiovascular health support

PELVIC & UROLOGICAL GYNAECOLOGY

- Pelvic floor dysfunction evaluation
- Urinary incontinence management
- Chronic pelvic pain evaluation and treatment
- Endometriosis and adenomyosis care

ONCOLOGY & SPECIALIZED CARE

- Cervical, ovarian, endometrial, and vulvar cancer screening
- Pre-cancerous lesion management (LEEP, conization)
- Referral for gynaecological oncology treatment
- Genetic counselling for inherited cancer risk

OTHER SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- Counselling for sexual and reproductive health
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 27, READ WITH SECTION 31 FOR REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, FREE STATE GAMBLING, LIQUOR AND TOURISM ACT NO. 6 OF 2010 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that Mlangeni Buhle Foods, situated at 8123 Nkoane Road, Thabong, 9463, intends to apply to the Matjhabeng Local Municipality and the relevant licensing authority for a Restaurant Liquor License to permit the sale and consumption of food and beverages on the premises.

The following information is provided in accordance with the Liquor Act requirements:

- Name of Learning Institution and Distance: Lebogang High School – approximately 250 metres
- Name of Place of Worship and Distance: Uniting Reformed Church – approximately 200 metres
- Name of Similar Registered Premises: N/A

Any person who wishes to object to the granting of this license must lodge such objection in terms of Section 33 of the Free State Gambling, Liquor and Tourism Act No. 6 of 2010 (as amended), in writing, to the Secretary of the Local Licensing Authority, stating the grounds for such objection, within 21 (twenty-one) days from the date of this notice.

The objection must clearly indicate the full names, identity number, residential address, postal address, and telephone number of the objector. If applicable, it must also include the registration number and address of the office of the objector. The objection must identify the application to which it relates. The application may be inspected at the offices of the Authority during office hours, and the address of the relevant office may be checked with the Authority.

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SPORT

057 Riders Host Charity Fun Walk to Phakisa Raceway



By Dikeledi Ntsollane

The 057 Riders held their annual charity fun walk, which started at the Shell garage and ended at Phakisa Raceway in Welkom, drawing cycling enthusiasts, community members, and supporters for a day of fundraising and awareness.

The walk, organised to raise funds and promote breast cancer awareness, highlighted local generosity and community spirit. Participants followed a route to Phakisa Raceway — South Africa's only oval speedway and an international- standard motorsport

venue located between Welkom and Odendaalsrus. The circuit, which has hosted national events including the South African MotoGP, can accommodate up to 60,000 spectators.

Organisers said the event reinforced the value of community- driven

initiatives and social responsibility, and forms part of a growing trend of charitable activities across the Free State. Proceeds will support local breast cancer programmes and related community services.



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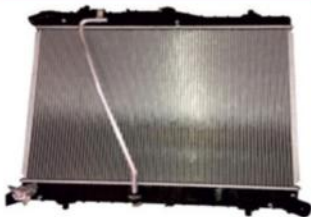
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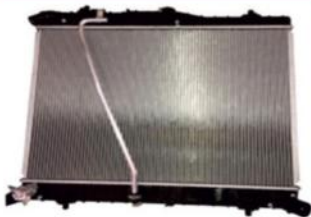
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