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After thirty years of democracy, South Africa has reached a new level of political maturity. As President Cyril Ramaphosa aptly noted, "Our country has now matured politically, even though it came sooner than expected." This period of stable politics and democracy has paved the way for the formation of a Government of National Unity (GNU), uniting various political parties in response to the wishes expressed in the national elections held this May.

Our cover features Mr. John Steenhuisen, the first GNU Minister of Agriculture in the seventh administration. Minister Steenhuisen is eager to collaborate with the mining industry to support small farmers by utilising rehabilitated mining lands.

This initiative aims to create job opportunities and enhance sustainability, recognising that while mines cannot employ everyone in their areas of operation, they can still support agricultural projects. Such collaboration has the potential to drive economic growth and reduce unemployment. Read Minister Steenhuisen's interview on page 4.

At the 22nd Africa Down Under mining and exploration conference in Perth, Australia, Mr. Mthenjane highlighted the seventh administration's dedication to fostering inclusive growth, job creation, poverty reduction, and building a capable, ethical, and developmental state.

This commitment has positively influenced business and investor sentiment, a view echoed by Peter Steenkamp, CEO of Harmony Gold. Steenkamp observes early signs of stability and recovery in South Africa's operating environment under the GNU, though he emphasises the need to address investor concerns related to crime and logistics.

Despite steady improvements in electricity supply, the mining sector is witnessing the benefits of private-public partnerships and government collaboration. It is also inspiring to see women making strides in the traditionally male-dominated mining industry. Ms.

Pana Xhalabile has taken the initiative to support women by hosting the first of many women-only seminars. During Women's Month in August, Ms. Xhalabile organised the Women's Empowerment Business Seminar in Rustenburg to encourage women to enter the mining sector with the support of their peers. This event, backed by several companies, is featured on page 16.

As a nation, South Africans have high expectations for the newly formed GNU. We hope that service delivery challenges will be addressed effectively, leading to greater prosperity. Let us support our government and remain hopeful for a promising future, as Minister Steenhuisen encouraged in his interview:

"We can hope again, we can dream again, and we can have ambition again as a result of the GNU."

Enjoy the read! ◆

Moses Sibiya



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Interview With New Minister of Agriculture, Mr John Steenhuisen



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Mining CSI Managing Editor, Mr Moses Sibiyi, (MCSI Editor) recently engaged with the newly appointed Minister of Agriculture, Mr John Steenhuisen on his new role at Government of National Unity (GNU) as he is keen to engage mining sector to collaborate with his department to assist small scale farmers to create more jobs.

MCSI Editor: The agriculture sector and mining industry are both crucial to South Africa's economy. How do you see these two industries collaborating to drive economic development, especially in rural areas?

Minister Steenhuisen: *I believe that both the mining industry and the agriculture sector have the potential to create a large number of new jobs and both need a proper legislative and regulatory environment in order for them to be able to flourish.*

MCSI Editor: Land rehabilitation is a key concern for mining companies. How can the agriculture sector benefit from rehabilitated mining land, and what policies might the government introduce to encourage such initiatives?

Minister Steenhuisen: *The agriculture sector could benefit from having access to rehabilitated mining areas provided the proper soil and water testing is done to ensure that the soil and additives used in the rehabilitation process is suitable for agricultural production and grazing.*

Government could perhaps look at a set aside for a certain proportion of rehabilitated mining land that is conducive for agricultural production, to be allocated to small-scale farmers who are currently struggling to access land opportunities. This could

increase the public good from the rehabilitation process.

MCSI Editor: Many mining communities face challenges related to food security. What strategies is your ministry considering to address this issue, particularly in areas impacted by mining activities?

Minister Steenhuisen: *Food security is a major challenge in some of these communities, however nearby sites of unaffected land could be identified for small-scale community garden projects that focus on food production. Value chain linkages could also be developed between local producers and mines in order to create localised value chains that enhance economic activity and job creation.*

MCSI Editor: How can mining companies contribute to agricultural innovation, such as adopting sustainable farming practices or supporting agri-tech initiatives, as part of their CSI programs and mitigate climate change effects?

Minister Steenhuisen: *Regenerative agriculture offers a new opportunity for CSI programmes as it gives a full circle opportunity to deal with carbon. The department has also established the Agro_energy fund to assist smaller farmers to move to more environmentally friendly and sustainable energy sources.*

MCSI Editor: How do you plan to support rural farmers, especially in areas where mining operations dominate, ensuring they have access to resources, markets, and training?

Minister Steenhuisen: *Rural farmers have different needs and levels of support required. Larger commercial operators in rural areas need a different*

level and intensity of support than smaller producers and growers. The best way to provide support is by ensuring that there are market-access linkages in the value chains for rural producers and that more is done to improve roads and particularly rail linkages so that rural farmers, small and large, have access to markets both locally and internationally for their goods.

In relation to smaller producers, new forms of co-operatives based on successful models in Tanzania and Kenya can be used to aggregate the output and production in order to meet the demands of the value chains. This aggregation could also assist in enhancing purchasing power of smaller producers for inputs such as fertilisers, feeds and other medicines.

MCSI Editor: Collaboration between government and private sector entities, like mining companies, is essential for effective CSI. How do you plan to strengthen these partnerships within the agricultural sector?

Minister Steenhuisen: Partnership is a key focus area of the department. Much like the mining sector, the real knowledge and expertise exists in the industry players and bodies.

This is why strong partnerships between government departments and the sector role-players is essential. These strong partnerships allow for a much better flow of information and knowledge transfer and can speed up advancement in the sector.

Partnership is also important as this allows the department to understand the constraints and obstacles to growth and fosters a more conducive environment for industry to flourish.

MCSI Editor: As the new Minister of Agriculture, what is your long-term vision for agriculture in South Africa, and how does it intersect with the development goals of the mining industry?

Minister Steenhuisen: To turn agriculture into an inclusive growing sector that thrives, drives economic growth and creates jobs.

MCSI Editor: As a minister in the new GNU, how do you see your role in this 7th administration to influence service delivery for all South Africans?

Minister Steenhuisen: By being a loud voice around the cabinet table for service delivery and speeding up the reforms that will drive growth and jobs.

MCSI Editor: What message do you have for the country and the role the GNU plays?

Minister Steenhuisen: The GNU is South Africa's best hope for a brighter and better future. It has brought together the builders from across the political spectrum and united them as a team of rivals that will work in the best interests of the country and its people. We can hope again, we can dream again and we can have ambition again as a result of the GNU. ◆





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- Mining SLP Managers
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It is very important for mine management to understand how municipalities IDP work, while it is critical for municipalities to understand SLP process. This is particularly urgent for all new municipal councillors within mining areas. Disruptions of mine operations by community unrests is mainly due to miscommunications and lack of engagements by all affected parties.

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Sanco, West Region Leadership SLP & IDP Training

West Rand Region SANCO Leadership requested an SLP & IDP Training to empower its leadership with the functioning of mining operations, and the request was forwarded to Mogale Tailings Retreatment (MTR) to assist with the sponsorship of the training. MTR Management at Krugersdorp approved the sponsorship for the 16 SANCO members and the two-day training was conducted on 30 and 31 August 2024 in Westonaria.

SLP & IDP Training is basically a stakeholder engagement which assists communities and their leaders learn and understand mining legislation in order to know and understand how mining SLP's in South Africa operates in line with municipal IDPs and how to interact with communities and mines in a responsible and respectful manner.

SANCO is a civic organization with immense influence within communities. Empowering them with this knowledge is very crucial as they literally become ambassadors within communities highlighting service delivery challenges faced by these communities.



Training Impact And Comments by Some Delegates

On the final session of day two, all delegates were given an opportunity for 2 minutes to comment on the training and the impact it has on them, which were highly positive. Below are some of the brief comments by the delegates:

- “We would like to call on other mining companies and relevant government departments to assist local community leadership and local municipal officials in areas affected by mining operations in the country to enroll on this training so they can serve our people better once armed with this knowledge”, remarked Jacob.
- “Provide more trainings for communities because lack of knowledge is what is killing our communities which causes unrests, instabilities and crimes in our townships”, said Thomo.
- “On behalf of SANCO Leadership, I would like to thank MTR for sponsoring this training and their vision to educate local communities within the areas they operate of which in the long term will provide sustainability and job creation for local people”, said Billy. ♦



Ricardo Ribeiro

Rosond Develops The Next Generation of Drilling Industry Professionals

As South Africa grapples with a youth unemployment rate of 59.7% in the first quarter of 2024, the challenges faced by young individuals in securing employment opportunities are stark. In the midst of this concerning statistic, leading drilling technology provider Rosond is making significant strides to empower young people.

It offers specialised training programmes, offering them invaluable skills and avenues for career advancement. This commitment to youth development comes as a timely celebration as it coincides with World Youth Skills Day on that took place on 15 July.

It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2014 to celebrate the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship. The day highlights the role of education and training in preparing young individuals for the future.

This year's theme, 'Youth Skills for Peace and Development', underscores the crucial role young

people play in peacebuilding and conflict resolution. Given the challenges faced by youth today – such as violent conflicts disrupting education, a polarised online environment, and economic inequality – it is essential to equip them with the necessary skills for fostering a culture of peace and promoting sustainable development. By doing so, we can build a more just, inclusive, and sustainable future for all.

According to MD Ricardo Ribeiro, the company's dedication to nurturing young talent within the drilling industry is paramount. With training centres strategically located in Thabazimbi, Rustenburg, Fochville, and Kathu, Rosond offers a comprehensive range of operational training courses.

These courses cover a spectrum of essential skills including health and safety, First Aid, basic firefighting, working at heights, lifting equipment operation, machine-specific training, and leadership and management development. Crucially, all training provided by Rosond is accredited by the Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) and encompasses various Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) programs.

Beyond in-house programmes, Rosond extends opportunities to young individuals through a range of learnerships, covering disciplines from contact centre operations to project and business management. Additionally, the company provides bursaries for various fields such as geology, IT, and engineering, further expanding the horizons of aspiring young professionals. ♦



Safer South Africa Foundation Partners With Harmony Goldmine to Promote Safer Schools and Communities.



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During the course of two years, Harmony Gold Mine joined forces with Safer South Africa Foundation to implement our transformative community social investment initiatives: the Communities and Justice Programme (CJP) in 9 schools and in 4 Youth out-of-school crime prevention programmes as well as 1 Community dialogues.

We are grateful for Harmony Gold Mine vision to join us in our mission to promote safer communities and schools. The partnership with the foundation is driven by a shared goal of fostering positive relationships between communities and law enforcement agencies. These initiatives educate youths about the criminal justice system, address high youth unemployment rates, and deter criminal activities by providing safer alternatives for livelihoods.

three provinces: North West, Free State and Gauteng Provinces. The partnership also emphasized the importance of community involvement, with various stakeholders, including government departments, civil society organizations, and social business experts participating in dialogues aimed at finding solutions to community safety challenges.

The successful collaborations underscore Harmony's and the Foundation's dedication to creating safer, more prosperous communities through strategic social investment and youth empowerment. This collaboration highlights the fact that a safe, secure and peaceful South Africa is a mutually beneficial effort and commitment by:

- Motivated and socially active communities
- Supportive, enabling and involved government
- Committed and socially responsible businesses
- Ethical, accountable and well governed civil society partners.

The importance of Corporate social investment in addressing complex social issues like crime demonstrates that integrated efforts between businesses and community organizations can lead to significant positive outcomes. ◆



Communities and Justice Programme Certificate Award Ceremony at Cocekani High School with Klerksdorp Correctional Services officer and SAPS Jouberton officer.

Key to this collaboration is educating youth about the repercussions of criminal records on future job prospects and encouraging their active involvement in community safety efforts. Through this partnership, Harmony demonstrated their commitment to community development and safety in areas where it operates. These programmes have reached over 2000 youths spread across the communities surrounding Harmony operations in



Communities and Justice Programme 4th session with the National Prosecuting Authority at Free State's Virginia High School.



Mogale Tailings Retreatment Leads The Way in Land Rehabilitation and Community Upliftment

In January 2024, Mogale Tailings Retreatment (MTR), a subsidiary of Pan African Resources, embarked on a significant land rehabilitation project in line with its Environmental Authorisations.

As part of its commitment to sustainability and responsible mining practices, MTR is undertaking a large-scale initiative to manage, control, and remove all alien invasive plant species (AIPs) within its areas of operation around Krugersdorp and Soweto in Gauteng. This effort is part of MTR's broader mission to rehabilitate the environment, improve local ecosystems, and enhance living conditions for surrounding communities.

Understanding The Impact of Alien Invasive Plant Species (AIPs)

Alien invasive plants and trees are non-native species that pose a significant threat to the environment and local biodiversity. They can disrupt ecosystems by outcompeting indigenous plant species, altering soil composition, and creating conditions that are more susceptible to wildfires.

In South Africa, the management and removal of AIPs is a crucial environmental priority, as these species are notorious for their ability to spread rapidly and their capacity to cause harm to local ecosystems.

A Community-Driven Approach to Environmental Rehabilitation

MTR's commitment to environmental sustainability goes beyond compliance with regulatory requirements. In alignment with its "Beyond Compliance" initiatives, MTR launched a community-based project aimed at not only clearing AIPs but also empowering local residents through accredited training and skill development.

MTR partnered with a specialist service provider to deliver accredited training courses, enabling participants to acquire skills that are both valuable and transferable.

The Training Included Three Critical Courses:

- Applying herbicides to noxious weeds (Unit Std. 123134) – NQF Level 1;
- Operating brush-cutters in commercial forestry (Unit Std. 123243) – NQF Level 2;
- Cut felled timber using a chainsaw and maintain chainsaw (Unit Std. 123233) – NQF Level 2;

By June 2024, this dedicated team of community members had successfully cleared and rehabilitated 85 hectares of land infested with AIPs, marking a significant milestone in MTR's environmental

rehabilitation efforts. The team continues to work on clearing additional infested areas and maintaining the already cleared sites to prevent re-infestation.



Creating Sustainable Opportunities For Local Communities

At the end of June 2024, MTR hosted a Certificate Awards Ceremony to recognise the achievements of the 65 participants who completed the training programs. Each participant received three Certificates of Competence, which are now valuable credentials for obtaining AIP removal work or even establishing their own AIP removal businesses.

Notably, 23% of the participants were female, reflecting MTR's commitment to promoting gender diversity and inclusion in its community projects. The certified individuals now have the opportunity to leverage their skills for employment in the broader environmental management sector, contributing to both economic empowerment and environmental conservation.



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MTR Celebrates Mandela Day by Supporting The Ellen Glen Home for Children in Soweto

As a corporate citizen embodying the Spirit of Ubuntu, MTR has joined hands with millions of other South Africans to contribute time and resources for the less fortunate in remembrance of Madiba. Recently, MTR partnered with the Ellen Glen Home for Children with Special Needs in Doornkop (ward 129).

The partnership involved the donation of much-needed wheelchairs, diapers, food, and other essential items that the shelter requires. This initiative was part of MTR's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) Employee Volunteering Program (EVP), where most of MTR's staff and partners volunteered their time to paint and improve the facility and care for the children.

Looking Ahead: MTR's Continued Commitment to Sustainable Mining and Community Development

The rehabilitation of the environment and removal of tailings by MTR is set to significantly improve the living conditions for local communities around Krugersdorp and Soweto. The project is a testament to MTR's proactive approach to social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

As the company looks to the future, it remains committed to creating lasting value for its host communities through meaningful engagement, capacity building, and responsible environmental management. ♦



Empower HER Seminar: A Platform For Women to Excel in Leadership and Business

Ms. Pana Xhalabile, a trailblazing entrepreneur and champion of women's empowerment, hosted the Empower HER seminar during the women's month of August.

As the founder of Women Empowerment and the director of three successful entities, Generations Business Enterprises, Generations Transport and Logistics, and Generations Engineering, Ms. Xhalabile is dedicated to uplifting women in business and fostering a supportive community for aspiring leaders.

Since establishing Generations Business Enterprises in 2009, Ms. Xhalabile has demonstrated her versatile entrepreneurial spirit. The company has been running a canteen at Anglo RBMR, showcasing her ability to navigate the competitive catering industry. In 2022, she expanded her business portfolio with Generations

Transport and Logistics, focusing on the transportation of matte for Anglo, subcontracting under Imperial. Her latest venture, Generations Engineering, launched in 2023, specialises in electrical installations, further cementing her reputation as a dynamic leader in multiple industries.

Empowering Women in Business

The Empower HER seminar aims to provide a dynamic platform for women to gain essential insights, skills, and mentorship, with a focus on access to capital, creating bankable businesses, understanding scoring systems, and inspiring excellence in leadership roles.

This event is designed to address the unique challenges and opportunities that women face in the business world, offering practical strategies and tools for success.



Event Objectives:

- Enhance leadership capabilities among women
- Develop business acumen and innovation skills
- Foster a supportive network of like-minded professionals
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MTN Foundation's R1 million Women in Digital Business Challenge Empowers Women to Conquer the ICT World



South African women are making their presence felt in South African business, but it still remains true that women remain underrepresented in the world of tech to develop and transform the industry, says the MTN Foundation, which in August launched the 2024 edition of its R1 million Women in Digital Business Challenge.

The event reinforces the MTN SA Foundation's ICT SMME accelerator programmes to encourage the participation of women in South Africa's ICT sector.

"The Challenge will run for six months and offer ten women digital pioneers an opportunity to strengthen and grow their small enterprises into sustainable businesses. Selected from women who have already participated in MTN sponsored business development programmes, each of the ten finalists will receive R100 000.

The prize money will be used for working capital, business development, purchasing tangible assets, investing in business technology hardware, software or IP, and technical and soft skills training," says MTN SA Foundation General Manager, Arthur Mukhuvha.

Research conducted in 2021 by the Department of Higher Education and Training, showed that more women than men were enrolled at tertiary institutions. Women graduating with Science, Engineering and Mathematics-based (STEM)

qualifications in 2022 represented 13% of the total graduates, but only two percent entered the ICT industry.

"We believe that STEM-qualified women can excel within the science and tech sectors. By supporting talented women through the Women in Digital Business Challenge, we believe that we will be empowering women to play more leading roles in the economy. In addition, because many of these businesses are focused on meeting community needs, women can play a vital role in helping address the skills and employment issues that our nation faces," adds Mukhuvha.

"During 2023 MTN also formalised a partnership with the National Youth Development Agency by both parties signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU). This showcases the commitment of the public and private sector institutions to work together, develop and empower the youth and henceforth create opportunities for our youth and women to be able to participate in the mainstream economy."

The Foundation has vetted and shortlisted 20 women who wish to change the face of the tech industry. Women selected during this process then competed in a two-day 'pitching competition', showcasing their businesses and competing for a Top-10 place. ◆

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Harnessing Positive Sentiment Towards South Africa to Reposition the Mining Industry for Growth

Improved sentiment towards South Africa under the new government of national unity and successes in the state's partnership with business to urgently address the country's damaging electricity crisis are contributing towards rebuilding the growth agenda for the mining industry", said Mzila Mthenjane, CEO of the Minerals Council South Africa.

Speaking at the 22nd Africa Down Under mining and exploration conference in Perth Australia, Mr Mthenjane said the seventh administration's commitment to prioritise inclusive growth and job

creation, reduce poverty, tackle the high cost of living and to build a capable, ethical and developmental state have bolstered business and investor sentiments, particularly as key structural reforms are enacted.

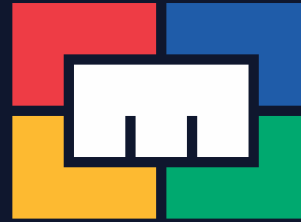
The inclusion of the private sector to assist the government to stabilise and restore electricity generation and state-owned transport logistics services to nameplate capacities, and to tackle crime and corruption are further reasons for confidence that there is more upside than downside for South Africa's mining industry.

"As the South African mining industry, we are gearing for growth. We will continue to capitalise on the positive post-election sentiment as we see accelerating structural reforms and growing private sector participation in key areas that impact the economy. The government's mooted infrastructure investment drive will create demand for minerals which is also positive," Mr Mthenjane said.

The Minerals Council and the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources have started engagements on the department's review of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act. "The work we are doing with the department on the review has been very encouraging," said Mr Mthenjane.

The department will implement its customised online mining cadastre by June 2025 as the portal through which mining and prospecting rights are managed, bringing South Africa in line with other mining jurisdictions with their modern, efficient and transparent cadastres. The new system will reduce the backlog of thousands of unprocessed mineral right applications, Mineral Resources Minister Gwede Mantashe told delegates at Africa Down Under.

The development of a vibrant exploration sector through an efficiently managed mineral rights system and investment-friendly regulations are fundamental building blocks for the future of a sustainable mining industry, which will serve as a catalyst for other sectors of the economy to invest and grow employment. "I

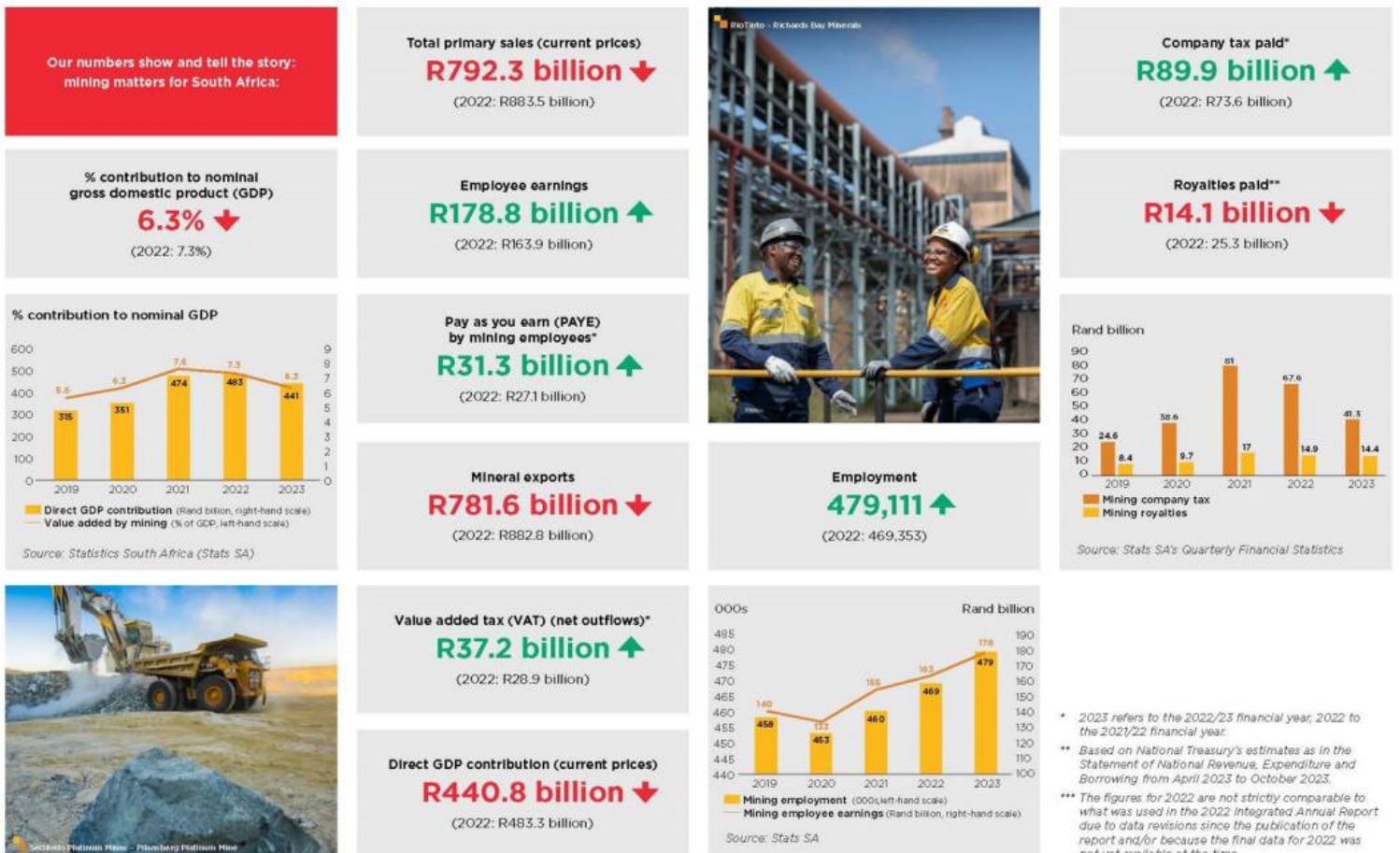


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Reforms in energy, logistics, crime and water coupled with better managed and functional municipalities will lead to improved confidence amongst businesses, consumers and investors, leading to an economic growth rate higher than the population growth rate and result in skills development, quality jobs and sustainable transformation of the economy, he said. ♦

think the online mining cadastre will be a huge gamechanger for our sector and we'll see a lot more exploration interest in South Africa, which is well endowed with minerals," Mr Mthenjane said.

Key Features: The South African Mining Industry in 2023





Gold Fields Migrates its SAP Environments to AWS

One of the world's largest gold mining firms moves its SAP workloads to AWS to modernize and optimize its operations and digitally transform its business

Amazon Web Services, Inc. (AWS), an Amazon.com, Inc. company (NASDAQ: AMZN), announced that Gold Fields, a global gold producer with operations across several continents has migrated its end-to-end SAP and treasury systems to AWS as part of its digital transformation strategy. This collaboration has enabled Gold Fields to modernize technology infrastructure, while enabling AWS's analytics, machine learning (ML), and generative artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities to unlock future insights that will improve operational efficiency, enhance workplace safety, and become a more data-driven business.

"AWS is helping us modernize our infrastructure, improve our governance, and drive cost efficiencies," said Strini Mudaly, Group ICT vice president at Gold Fields. "We selected AWS as our cloud provider of choice, based on its proven operational experience at scale and commitment to innovation. We are excited to continue our journey with AWS, leveraging its expertise and cutting-edge solutions to transform our business."

Deloitte partnered with Gold Fields and AWS to migrate the Global Gold Fields SAP estates across three continents to the AWS cloud. By bringing together a multi-disciplinary team of dedicated Deloitte experts working across multiple time zones, we ensured every aspect of the migration, including data privacy, regulatory and technology was handled with precision and expertise, delivering a seamless, zero-business-impact transition," said Asif Karachi, Director and Africa AWS Leader at Deloitte Consulting.

"Leveraging AWS's secure and scalable infrastructure, this migration has reduced operational costs and enhanced data processing speeds across critical group systems, all while upholding Gold Fields strong governance and risk management standards."

Chris Erasmus, AWS country general manager, said: "Our collaboration with Gold Fields showcases the transformative power of cloud technology in the mining sector. By migrating its critical SAP systems to AWS, Gold Fields is now poised to modernize its



Strini Mudaly

platform and unlock the full potential of its internal data, applying advanced analytics and machine learning.” Operating its SAP systems on AWS will enable Gold Fields to harness next-generation technology and data insight capabilities to support the future business strategy. Additionally, Gold Fields is exploring AWS’s Industrial Data Fabric and Generative AI capabilities to enhance data management practices, and support safety and process improvements in an ever-evolving industry.

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Chris Erasmus



Beneficiaries and stakeholders at Sishen Classic cheque handover ceremony.



The purpose of the Sishen Classic is not only to unite our stakeholders but collectively contribute towards the inherent needs of our host communities. This initiative harnesses the universal appeal of sport to transcend socio-economic and cultural barriers.

Along with our partners, we have managed to raise substantial funds that will positively impact the lives of 12,000 pupils across 17 schools in our area. As a responsible corporate citizen, we understand the importance of using sports to demonstrate the value that lies within collaboration.

We would like to highlight the involvement and contribution of our partners, as through every golf club swing, we embodied our purpose of reimagining mining to improve people's lives." ♦

Teeing off at the prestigious Kalahari Country Club, the Sishen Classic Charity Golf Day is a sporting event curated by Sishen Mine along with its partners, with the purpose of raising funds for community development initiatives.

With the participation fee starting at R50,000, the 36-team shotgun style tournament saw 20 local service providers and contractors, swing irons in an effort to support 17 local schools with the funds needed to bolster academic excellence in the region.

As a result of the Golf Day, R1.8 million was raised and donated to local schools. With the support of the Department of Basic Education, the identified schools received funds ranging from R50,000 to R100,000 depending on their needs. Sports & Recreation Advisor at Kumba Iron Ore's Sishen Mine and Golf Day Project Lead – Kyle Inglis, provides detail on the event and its significance.

"The Sishen Classic is a long-standing event with great tradition. This year however, we've opted to expand the mandate of the Classic from being an event that caters only for sports enthusiasts, to a catalyst for social cohesion and economic development as well.



Kyle Inglis addressing stakeholders and beneficiaries at handover ceremony



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M4 Foundation Upcycling Project

We are living in a fast fashion era where 1,92 million tonnes of fabric waste are produced annually. With the growing throwaway culture worsening each year, it is estimated that the fabric waste will rise up to 134 million tonnes a year.

This fabric waste ends up in the landfills and can take years to decompose. It is important to state that the build-up of fabric waste in landfills cause carbon dioxide emission.

As the fabric decomposes, it releases a strong greenhouse gas called methane which reduces the amount of oxygen percentage in the air we breathe. Methane is also known as a silent killer because human nose cannot detect it. The longer the fabric takes to decompose, the longer the methane gas is released.

Denim is the most worn fabric in South Africa and it is said to be one of the fabrics that takes long to decompose. This is because majority of manufacturers blend cotton, nylon and polyester to produce it. In terms of decomposition, cotton takes a maximum of a year to decompose, nylon takes up to

40 years to decompose and polyester can take up to 200 years to decompose. In contributing to protecting the environment, the M4 Foundation started a denim upcycling project at Mooiplass informal settlement.

The upcycling project teaches local women how to make a new product from worn-out denim jeans. Some of the new products made include kiddies' dresses, pillows, peg bags and key holders to name just a few. ◆





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Seriti Green Unveils First Majority Black-owned, Windfarm In Mpumalanga

Chairman of Seriti Green and Group CEO of Seriti Resources, Mike Teke and CEO of Seriti Green, Peter Venn on July 17 unveiled to the media and key stakeholders, the country's first majority black owned, windfarm in the country's energy heartland, Mpumalanga. The first phase of the construction of the 155 MW Ummbila Emoyeni wind energy facility is currently underway and will be completed by mid-July 2026.

The R4.8 billion project is the first since Seriti Resources, one of South Africa's largest coal miners announced its acquisition of Windlab and the subsequent launch of Seriti Green in 2023. Upon completion, the Ummbila Emoyeni windfarm will be the largest of its nature in South Africa and the first of its kind in the province.

It is anticipated that it will supply 75% of the power needs of Seriti's coal mines which will impact on the Group's efficiency, sustainability and profitability. The 155 MW project marks the first phase of a 900 MW project which Seriti Green aims to build over the next three years at an estimated cost of R25 billion. Mike Teke, Chairman of Seriti Green and Group CEO of Seriti Resources,

reflecting on the commencement of this project said, "We are pleased and honoured to contribute to the country's energy security through this project. It is a significant milestone for the Group and Seriti Green in particular, while representing the fulfilment of a commitment we made at the President's Investment Conference. About half of this infrastructure will be owned and maintained by Seriti Green, while the other half will form part of Eskom's national grid.

The Seriti Group and ordinary citizens will therefore benefit from this project." Seriti Green's CEO Peter Venn said, "The country's alternative energy space is ripe for diversification, and it is a great opportunity for South African companies to be part of the implementation of the Just Energy Transition.

We can no longer ignore the effects of climate change and we must not delay in ensuring we reduce carbon emissions, create jobs and improve the lives of citizens who have borne the brunt of energy constraints. Seriti Green is committed to this endeavour." ♦



Fuchs Lubricants South Africa

Takes Another Step to Realise its Net Zero Goal

In August Lubricant manufacturer and supplier FUCHS LUBRICANTS SOUTH AFRICA has concluded a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Solareff to procure solar PV system-generated electricity, reveals Sustainability Director Esther Seabi, to reduce the company's yearly Co2 emissions. "This is a major step towards achieving our targets," she notes.

"The PPA will significantly increase our use of renewable energy from around 11% to 30% of our total electricity consumed. It is a key project for us to achieve our net zero targets," comments Managing Director, Paul Deppe.

In terms of the newly signed PPA, Solareff will design, install and operate a solar PV system that will provide power for the warehouse, head office and manufacturing facilities. The FUCHS Group has rolled out ambitious targets which include mandatory use of renewable energy. While the uptake of renewable energy is more advanced in Europe, Seabi says multinationals like FUCHS are ensuring that their regional operations adhere to



all local and international regulations regarding sustainability, including corporate goals and targets. This helps to set a global benchmark. "It is an exciting journey," says Seabi.

FUCHS LUBRICANTS SOUTH AFRICA has developed its own roadmap to 2030 to reduce its GHG emissions by 46% compared to 2021. These initiatives include increased uptake of renewable energy through the PPA and future electricity wheeling and energy efficiency projects.

About FUCHS

FUCHS develops, produces, and markets high-grade lubricants and related specialties for virtually all industries. Founded in 1931 as a family business in Mannheim, FUCHS is now the world's largest independent supplier of innovative lubricant solutions, covering almost every industry and application.

Today, the company's 6 000 employees in over 50 countries still share the same goal: To keep the world moving both sustainably and efficiently. ◆



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Minister Gwede Mantashe Inaugurates South Africa's First Pilot CCUS Research Site In Mpumalanga

During August month in a ground-breaking move for South Africa's climate strategy, the Honourable Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources, Mr. Gwede Mantashe (MP), officially unveiled the country's first pilot Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage (CCUS) research site in Leandra, Mpumalanga.

This landmark development follows the successful completion of a geological characterisation study, including the drilling of a 1,800-meter stratigraphic borehole at the Goedehoop site, confirming its suitability for safe and permanent CO₂ storage. This site represents a crucial step towards deploying CCUS technology as a viable solution to mitigate CO₂ emissions.

The opening of the Leandra research site marks a significant milestone in South Africa's CCUS journey, which began in the mid-2000s when the potential for geological CO₂ storage was first identified. In 2004, the then Department of Minerals and Energy, in collaboration with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), initiated a study to explore the feasibility of CCUS technology in South Africa.

This study, followed by the publication of the "Atlas on Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide in South Africa," highlighted both onshore and offshore storage possibilities in regions such as the Zululand and Algoa Basins. Since 2021, the Council for

Geoscience (CGS) has spearheaded the pilot project, conducting extensive research to identify suitable geological formations for CO₂ storage, under the mandate of the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy.

The completion of Phase 1 of the Pilot CCUS Research Project is a pivotal moment in South Africa's efforts to combat climate change. Mr. Mosa Mabuza, CEO of the Council for Geoscience, highlighted this achievement, stating, "With support from the South African government and the World Bank, CGS has made significant progress, including the completion of a comprehensive geological characterisation and feasibility study for the pilot injection plant. These findings reveal the site's capacity to store up to 34 gigatonnes of CO₂, paving the way for Phase 2, which will focus on design, construction, and the injection phase."

Minister Mantashe underscored the importance of the new CCUS research site in addressing South Africa's status as one of the world's highest CO₂ emitters, particularly due to its heavy reliance on fossil fuels for energy production. "South Africa is responsible for approximately 500 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions annually, largely from coal combustion.

This initiative is a critical step towards reducing our carbon footprint," he stated. "We urge all industry stakeholders to collaborate with us, providing the necessary financial and technical support to ensure the success of CCUS technology in South Africa."

Minister Mantashe emphasized the need for strong public-private partnerships to achieve South Africa's climate goals, highlighting that significant investments in technology and expertise are vital. "The Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources calls on all industry players to join this crucial effort," he said. ◆

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GWM is No Stranger When it Comes to The Local Bakkie Market

Article by, Willem van de Putte

GWM is no stranger when it comes to the local bakkie market having garnered a fairly decent following and appreciation for their double cabs over the past few years. In fact, before the launch of the three P-Series 500 portfolio there were already 13 different double cab offerings.

New is the P500 Luxury and Super Luxury powered by a new 2.4-litre diesel mill with 135kW and 480Nm and at the top of the pyramid stands the P500 2.0-litre HEV Ultra Luxury, the first 325-volt electric motor hybrid petrol bakkie in the local market.

Combined with the turbo petrol engine it provides a not insignificant peak power of 255kW and 648Nm. They are all coupled to a nine-speed automatic transmission, the same setup found in the Tank 300 and Tank 500. Especially new is a raft of luxuries and technology not easily found in a

bakkie in the Ultra Luxury 2.0-litre hybrid model we drove on launch. The P-series has always had an imposing presence and it's no different here with a wheelbase of 3 350mm, length of 5 400mm and it stands 1 991mm wide. The large grille houses the camera and sensors of the 360 degree camera in the big P-Series logo, which I suppose goes with the bakkie's style, but something a little more discreet would not look out of place.

A useful touch is the electrically operated rear sliding window, a loadbox with 28 anchor points, loadbox light and a tailgate that can either drop down or split 40:60 barn door style depending on how you push the button.

On first touch the button feels a bit flimsy and I'm not convinced how durable it will be once grubby and oily fingers regularly start to use it. Inside it's the most luxurious bakkie on the market with a raft of features normally associated with high-end

SUVs. There's a head-up display, a second wireless charging pad for rear occupants, panoramic sunroof with tilt and slide function, heated electronically adjustable steering wheel, massaging front seats that are heated and cooled, heating and cooling function for the rear seats all covered in comfortable Nappa leather.

A large 14.6-inch touchscreen dominates the cabin where various functions such as climate control, driving modes and vehicle settings can be accessed. In a nod to user experience these can also be accessed via buttons on the centre console, steering wheel or the auxiliary instrument panel around the gearshift selector.

While everything is mostly digital there's an old school beautifully crafted analog clock flanked by air vents in the centre of the dash. Unlike some of the Chinese bakkies on the market the P500 drives and handles well with the gearbox as smooth as anything else out of Japan or America.



The launch route included Outeniqua Pass and the legendary Swartberg Pass and even unloaded the ride was subtle and not intrusive. Initially when we headed up and over Outeniqua Pass the steering felt heavy which at close to 2.5 tons isn't surprising but after changing the steering to Light things were a lot more comfortable and easy to control. I suspect the P500 could be a lot faster than people think, especially over the first 100



metres or so thanks to its electric ability. In 4H over the Swartberg Pass the bakkie felt solidly planted and secure providing peace of mind through some of the tighter corners. We didn't do any serious offroad driving but I suspect with a suite of offroad settings and low range it's going to be capable when the going gets tough.

The suspension provided a comfortable set-up on the various road surfaces and after a few 100 kilometres we were suitably impressed with the overall driving dynamics.

Consumption proved to be a challenge and the best we could get was just over 13l/100km but a colleague who drove to Cape Town after the launch managed to record 11.9l/100km, a lot more acceptable.

Once we get our hands on a 2.4-litre diesel to test I reckon that would be the one to go for especially because our market tends to prefer oil burners when it comes to this segment. The P500 2.0-litre HEV Ultra Luxury may provide a ton of tech and fantastic equipment as standard but whether our market is completely primed yet for a R1-million Chinese bakkie I'm not convinced.

The P500 range has a five-year/75 000km service plan, seven-year /200 000km Warranty, Five-year unlimited km body and paint warranty, eight-year/ 150 000km High Voltage Warranty (HEV) and a seven-year unlimited kilometre roadside assist plan. ◆

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