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# Editor's Note

**Investing in African Mining Indaba 2025 was a great success and now that it has passed, we are looking forward to the next one scheduled to take place on 9-12 February 2026. There are several upcoming Mining conferences organized by Resources4Africa this year. These include Junior Indaba scheduled to take place on 27-28 May, London Indaba 24-25 June, Coal and Energy Indaba 23 July and Joburg Indaba scheduled to take place on 8-9 October. We are looking forward to these events and if you have not register to attend, please do so while there is still time so you don't miss out.**

Please note that The G20 Summit events are continuing on a regular bases throughout the country with different themes leading to the leaders' summit at the end of the year when South Africa will host the Presidents of the G20 countries. The event brings together the world's largest economies, provides a platform for South Africa to champion the importance of sustainable development, with mining playing a critical role in driving economic growth and transitioning to greener practices to mitigate climate change along with many private companies' contributions.

Currently the world is going through enormous changes and challenges posed by political leadership from different countries. Socially and economically our world will be different in the next ten years which is very important to teach and instil sustainable development behaviour to the young generation which host the next leaders who will have to grapple with the current challenges the world is facing.

Mining CSI just celebrated a milestone of its 40th edition, this made us proud to have reached such achievement in such a challenging media

environment where many publications have either closed down or migrated to electronic publications online. Mining CSI has stood the test of time and we hope to keep bringing you the very exciting and informative news from the South African mining communities that informs you of the work being done by our mining industry and its communities.

As a result of this publication's resilience, Mining CSI Golf Day to benefit the M4 Foundation For Mining Communities was born in 2024 to help vulnerable mining communities and learners in schools as part of its educational contribution in a small but vital way. Mining CSI Golf Challenge has just hosted the 2nd Annual event which took place on the 2nd February 2025, a Sunday before Investing in African Mining Indaba conference that take place in Cape Town first week of February annually. To view this year's event in photography, logon to our website: [www.miningcsi.co.za](http://www.miningcsi.co.za) and the article is also featured on page 16 of this issue.

Once more, thanks for all your support of Mining CSI publication on a quarterly bases and we hope you have enjoyed the last 40 issues and we are looking forward to bringing you the next 40 issues and ultimately reach 100 issues.

Enjoy the read! ◆

*Moses Sibiya*



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*Alinah Mbatha, CEO of Lethi Impilo and Lebo Ramoba, Marketing Consultant.*

## The Rise of Women In The Mining Sector

The African continent is globally known to be rich in minerals, with significant deposits of various minerals and metals. The continent is home to Diamonds, Gold, copper, platinum, iron ore and other minerals like lithium, chrome and manganese. The mining sector significantly contributes to the continent's GDP. Within the Sub-Saharan, South Africa is the key player, wherein the mining sector contributes 8,2% (www.imf.org) to the country's GDP, making her the world's largest producer of Platinum Group Minerals, Gold and Diamonds.

South Africa is entering a period of immense opportunity, wherein the focus is no longer in the production of raw materials only, but also on beneficiation, which, according to Minister Gwede Mantashe, will add value to the raw

materials through processing, thereby creating jobs and boosting local economies and ensuring sustainable development.

### **Lethi Impilo Mining and Construction**

Founded in 2012 by Alinah Mbatha, Lethi Impilo Consulting and Projects PTY (LTD), has established itself as a formidable player in the commodity trading, mining and construction, with a Vision to become a recognized leader in the mining and construction sector by establishing trust and foster long lasting relationships with the clients, while contributing to the growth of South Africa's economy through innovation, sustainability and empowerment.

With the Mission to creating opportunities for black communities, and delivering high quality

products and services to its clients, the company is committed to responsible and sustainable mining practices, and provision of training on health and safety as among the guiding principles.

### Services

Besides mining and construction as the company's core services, Lethi Impilo provides a range of services including commodity trading, junior mining support, civil construction, infrastructure development, energy services, investment, and project funding, as well as business development and strategic financial guidance for small businesses.

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### Meet the Founder

Alinah Mbatha, a dynamic black woman with over 22 years of experience in construction and established mining business since 2019. Alinah has built a solid reputation for her leadership, particularly in commodity trading, mining operations, construction management, and supply chain coordination. She is deeply committed to empowering women and youth in communities she works in, by providing training and skills development to enable them to thrive in the mining and construction industries. She has played a role in the SAWIC, SAFCEC organizations and now is a member of SAWIMA.

Her dedication to a sustainable economic growth, and social responsibility has shaped the company's strategic vision, and has also played a pivotal role in guiding junior miners toward regulatory compliance and investment attractions, while transforming local communities through her leadership.

### Potential Investment

Lethi Impilo invites potential investors to partner with them in reshaping the South African mining landscape, offering profitable opportunities to develop and enhance mining projects in alignment with sustainable growth and economic empowerment ♦



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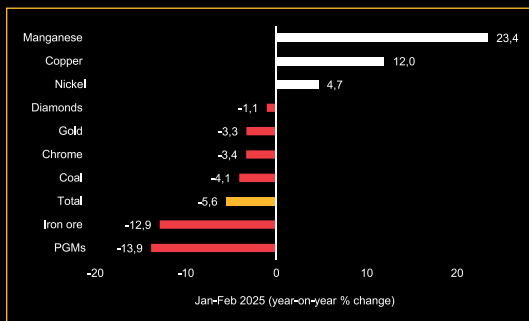
## Expected mining sector contraction in Q1 2025 will be a hit to real GDP

**The latest figures for real mining production indicate a tough start to 2025, with nine out of the 12 mining subcategories showing month-on-month (m-o-m) output declines in February. As a result, according to Stats SA, total seasonally adjusted mining production declined by a steep 4.4% m-o-m in February. At -24.6% and -18.8% m-o-m respectively, output of nickel and platinum group metals (PGMs) showed the largest declines.**

In terms of the annual (year-on-year) change in production, the combination of the mentioned large monthly decline in February and an elevated level of production in February 2023 (i.e., a high base from last year) meant that production was 9.6% lower compared to February 2023. In the first two months of 2025, production was 5.6% lower than the corresponding period in 2024.

As is often the case, the annual production trends for the main mining subcomponents diverged notably (see Figure 1). In the plus column, manganese, copper and nickel performed well. As mentioned in previous reports, copper bears watching amid a revival of base metal mining in the Northern Cape. In contrast, declines in the heavily weighted iron ore and PGMs industries weighed on the overall mining production stats.

**Figure 1: Major mining subsectors achieved mixed production profiles so far in 2025**



Source: Stats SA

In the PGMs space, production is being aligned to an uncertain demand environment that has kept prices relatively depressed. That said, to a mixed degree, and prices of platinum, palladium and rhodium have increased so far in 2025. This is despite the concern about vehicle demand in the US amid likely tariff-induced vehicle price increase. The current market narrative seems to be that outside of China, electric vehicle penetration will be less aggressive than previously thought. This is providing some breathing space to PGMs that are used in traditional petrol and diesel-propelled vehicles. However, tariff uncertainty suggests that the major PGMs producers will be in no hurry to increase production in the near term.

For a different reason, it is likely to be a similar story in the iron ore sector. In this case, ongoing logistical challenges continue to constrain production.

### Impact on first quarter real GDP

Although the production data for March will only be released in May, the figures for January and February suggest a notable quarterly decline for mining production in the first quarter of 2025. Therefore, the mining sector will detract meaningfully from Q1 real GDP.

The poor start to the year for mining production, as well as the ongoing downgrades to the global real GDP growth outlook in an environment of significant uncertainty about tariffs and global trade, emphasises the need for a business-friendly, lower-cost operating environment for mining in South Africa



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The 2025 Junior Indaba, for explorers, developers and investors in junior mining, is brought to you by Resources 4 Africa, the organisers of the Joburg Indaba.

# The Future of Isiphethu Water Services in Construction

**A**s we envision the future, it is evident that the water service construction industry will play a pivotal role in ensuring access to safe and reliable drinking water. At Isiphethu Water Services, we are dedicated to staying ahead of industry trends and innovations to deliver exceptional solutions to the communities we serve.

## Pipe Rehabilitation

The future of pipe rehabilitation at Isiphethu Water Services looks promising. By leveraging advanced materials and techniques, we are committed to implementing efficient processes to extend the lifespan of water infrastructure.

One of our most notable projects showcasing expertise in pipe rehabilitation is the refurbishment of the Thabong Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) and its associated sewer network. Emerging trends and technologies in pipe rehabilitation include:

- 1. Pipe Lining and Coating** – Applying protective linings and coatings to prolong pipe durability and prevent corrosion.
- 2. Smart Leak Detection** – Utilizing cutting-edge technologies to detect leaks and minimize water losses.
- 3. Trenchless Technologies** – Employing methods such as cured-in-place rehabilitation to restore damaged sewer systems efficiently.

## Water Conservation

As a leading water service construction company, Isiphethu Water Services acknowledges the critical importance of water conservation and climate change in ensuring a sustainable future for our communities.

## The Challenges of Climate Change

Changing precipitation patterns, increased evaporation, and more frequent extreme weather events pose significant risks to water resources. Rising temperatures contribute to water scarcity, impacting human health, economic development, and ecosystems.

## Isiphethu's Commitment to Water Conservation

- 1. Efficient Water Appliances** – Promoting the use of water-efficient appliances, fixtures, and irrigation systems.
- 2. Leak Detection and Repairs** – Implementing advanced technologies and repair strategies to address water losses effectively.
- 3. Public Education and Awareness** – Engaging with schools, customers, and communities to foster understanding of water conservation and climate change mitigation.

## A Game-Changer for Water Infrastructure

Isiphethu Water Services is transforming the water infrastructure landscape through innovation and a commitment to sustainability. We tackle complex challenges in the water sector, from aging infrastructure to climate resilience, with forward-thinking solutions.

## Innovative Solutions

- 1. Trenchless Technologies** – Minimizing disruptions, reducing costs, and promoting sustainability through advanced construction methods.
- 2. Pipe Rehabilitation** – Extending the lifespan of water infrastructure to ensure reliability while reducing waste.
- 3. Water Conservation** – Advocating for efficient technologies and public education to ensure sustainable water use.

4. Climate-Resilient Infrastructure – Designing and constructing water systems that can withstand extreme weather events, safeguarding communities.



## Community Engagement

At Isiphethu Water Services, we firmly believe that community engagement is vital to our mission of providing reliable, efficient, and sustainable water services. We are dedicated to building strong relationships with the communities we serve by actively listening to their needs and delivering tailored, effective solutions.

Debrief one of our recently completed projects, the Kromkloof Water Treatment Works and High Lift Pump Station project

## The Design and Construction of the Kromkloof Water Treatment Works and High Lift Pump Station

The construction of the Kromkloof Water Treatment Works (WTW) and High Lift Pump Station commenced in November 2021. This project was funded by DWS, under the RBIG initiative, with the project aiming to provide safe and reliable drinking water to 26 surrounding villages from 3 wards. The treatment plant is supplied with raw water from multiple boreholes, delivering an expected supply rate of 5.8 million litres per day (ML/d) with a turndown ratio of 6:1. The project entailed the design and construction of all Mechanical and Electrical components within client's specifications and scope.

### Filtration and Chemical Treatment Process

To ensure future scalability, our design reserved space on-site for additional flocculation and sedimentation units. At present, the plant utilizes four autonomous gravity filters, providing the necessary contact time for oxidation reactions. Once filtration is complete, the water enters a chlorine contact tank, where calcium hypochlorite is dosed for disinfection. The contact tank is

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### Construction and Execution

The execution of this project was managed in-house, with the Civil Construction Division overseeing all earthworks, concrete, and steel structures. Meanwhile, the Mechanical Division was responsible for fabricating pipework, supports, and gantries. This integrated approach ensured streamlined coordination and adherence to design specifications ◆



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# Thungela Launches Fish Breeding Facility

## in Mpumalanga



**Thungela celebrated an innovative fish breeding facility at the Loskop Dam Nature Reserve in Mpumalanga, commissioned to restore aquatic life in the Wilge-Olifants river catchment following the unfortunate uncontrolled release of mine-impacted water from Khwezela Colliery's Kromdraai site during 2022.**

Thungela committed to rehabilitating the areas affected by this overflow and took full accountability to do what was necessary to restore the ecosystem. Through partnerships with the relevant stakeholders, Thungela developed a rehabilitation plan approved by the Department of Water and Sanitation, which included various activities aimed at restoring the environment, with particular emphasis on enhancing biodiversity to levels beyond those prior to the incident.

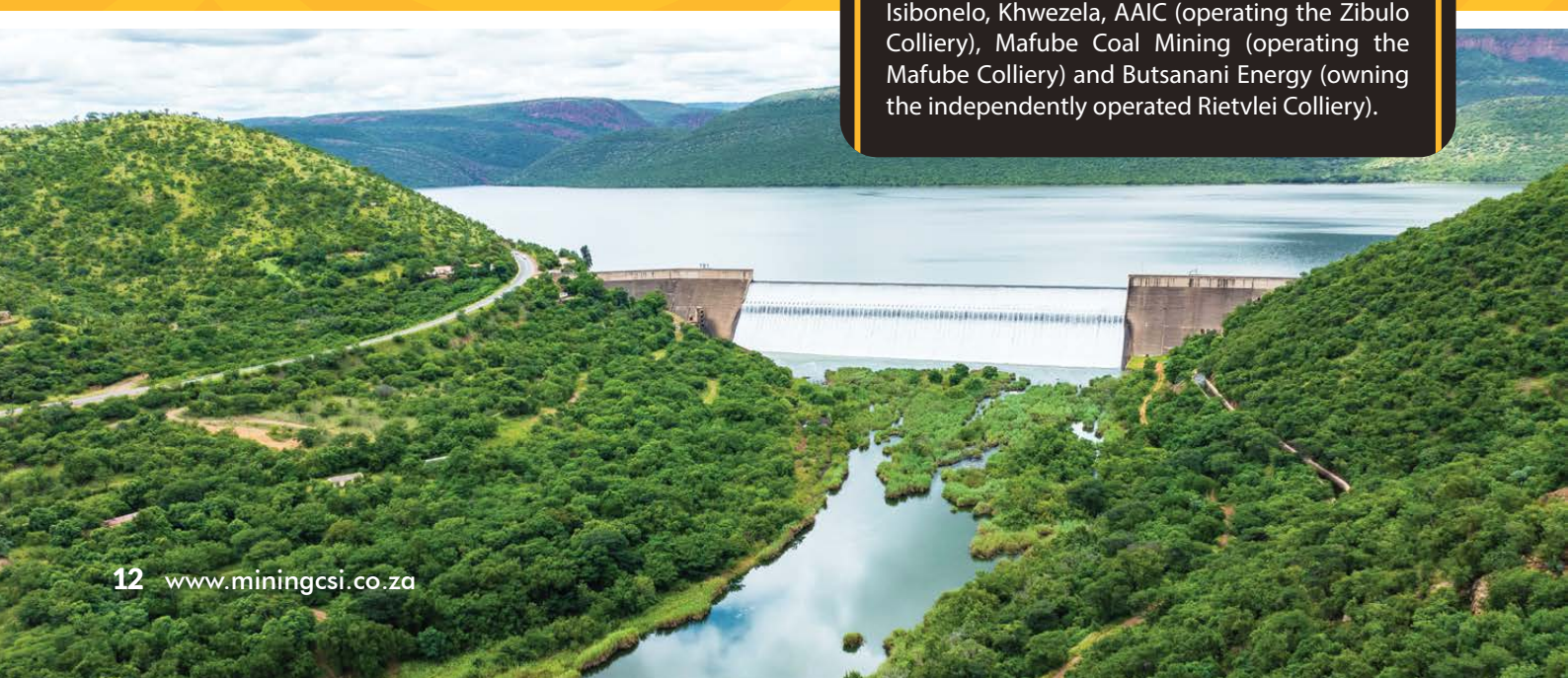
Through close collaboration with the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) and leading aquatic scientists in South Africa, Thungela embarked on a path to execute the plan successfully. Amongst the activities contained in the plan was to speed up the recovery of the fish population to restore biodiversity in the Wilge-Olifants River catchment, which resulted in the commissioning of the fish breeding facility we are unveiling today.

July Ndlovu, CEO of Thungela, said, "I am proud to witness the fulfilment of the commitment that we, as a responsible coal miner, made in 2022. To be able to implement all aspects of the rehabilitation plan, which has led to the restoration of the environment to even better conditions than we found it – is the legacy we want to leave. We hold ourselves to the highest standards as set out in our Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Framework."

"Our dedication to this initiative has helped us achieve our objective of minimising impact on the environment to achieve sustainable outcomes where we operate, and we are thrilled that the partnerships we have formed with the MTPA will extend well beyond the river system's ultimate revival. We anticipate that this facility will become a hub for research in endemic species into the future and that the MTPA will run the facility to benefit other river systems," said Ndlovu ◆

### About Thungela:

The Group owns interests in and produces its thermal coal from seven mining operations located in the Mpumalanga province of South Africa, which consist of both underground and opencast mines, namely Goedehoop, Greenside, Isibonelo, Khwezela, AAIC (operating the Zibulo Colliery), Mafube Coal Mining (operating the Mafube Colliery) and Butsanani Energy (owning the independently operated Rietvlei Colliery).



# Transnet – A Road to Recovery, Guarantees And The Future of Logistics Privatisation in SA

Over the past decades, Transnet has not been able to invest and maintain its infrastructure, resulting in the involvement and participation of private sector players to restore operational reliability and increase volumes of commodities, mostly from the mines, being railed. This private sector involvement up until now has mainly been in sourcing spare parts for locomotives and ensuring continuous movement of cargo at ports by procuring specialised equipment.

The recent publication of the National Logistics Roadmap outlines how further private sector participation will be implemented to enhance Transnet's efficiency. Key aspects include the costing of rail services, the delineation of responsibilities between stakeholders, and the facilitation of capital investment required to restore the infrastructure.

According to Thapelo Seanego, Senior Underwriter at Lombard Guarantee, the estimated required capital injection to revitalise Transnet runs into billions of Rands. We recently learnt at a Mining Indaba 2025 panel discussion held with Transnet and the private sector, that both the iron ore and coal lines would need over R14 billion investment over the next 5 years to get an average of about 260 million tonnes (volume) a year back on rail by 2030.

"By allowing private sector involvement, infrastructure upgrades and operational efficiencies can be accelerated. This is particularly crucial for the mining industry, which has seen a significant decline in transported commodity volumes over the past five years."



Seanego believes successful privatisation efforts will require a balance between State oversight and private sector efficiency. Privatisation will introduce much-needed competition and accountability, but it's crucial that regulatory frameworks keep pace to ensure fair and transparent operations.

## *Managing Risk in a Shifting Logistics Landscape – A Guaranteed Win*

With increased private sector involvement, Seanego says financial security and risk mitigation are critical considerations in Transnet's road to recovery. "The transition to privatisation presents both opportunities and risks. As new private operators enter this space, rail users will need to adjust to changing contractual frameworks."

As private entities begin playing a larger role in rail, port, and freight infrastructure, Seanego believes insurance (payment) guarantees will become an essential tool to ensuring contractual obligations are met and that liquidity challenges do not disrupt business operations.

"Guarantees provide financial security to all stakeholders, allowing trade to flow without unnecessary financial bottlenecks," says Seanego. "For businesses investing in logistics infrastructure or securing rail and port access, risk management solutions will be key to navigating this new environment."

The Road Ahead: Balancing Efficiency And Oversight  
As South Africa embarks on this great logistics shift, collaboration between government, private enterprises, and financial institutions will determine the success of the country's logistics transformation. A well-managed approach to privatisation could unlock significant economic benefits, ensuring that the logistics sector operates with both efficiency and resilience in the years ahead ♦

# About Us



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Committed to developing future leaders in the industry, MTrendz Group actively invests in graduate training programmes to support professional registration. This dedication is demonstrated through two of the following comprehensive candidacy programmes, which are currently active and fully managed by the company as part of its commitment to professional development

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- **Candidacy Programme (DMRE)**  
The GCC certification prepares engineers to take up legal responsibility for the health, safety, and management of mining operations in South Africa. Governed by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), it certifies individuals with the knowledge, skills, and experience required to hold key statutory positions under the Mine Health and Safety Act.

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## Our Vision

To be the preeminent provider of engineering services and consultancy that are customer focused and innovative.

*Mr. Mashego, originally from Riba Cross village in Burgersfort, grew up in Nokaneng-Kalkfontein Village and completed his matric at Gobeste Secondary School. He is an alumnus of the Xstrata (now Glencore)-Ukuqonda Grade 12 Maths and Science Programme, as well as the Post-Matric Programme, both of which inspired his pursuit of a career in Mechanical Engineering.*

*With a BTech in Mechanical Engineering and a Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education, Mr. Mashego spearheads MTrendz Group as its Group Managing Director, championing strategic growth, fostering innovation, and advancing impactful community-driven initiatives.*



**Mahele Mashego**  
Group MD and Founder of MTrendz Group of Companies

# Our Services

MTrendz Group is a corporate entity comprising three companies, strategically organized into four core operational units to deliver comprehensive services to its clients. The Group is active in and holds significant interests across diverse sectors, including Engineering, the Built Environment, Energy, Mining, and Engineering Management. This diversified structure enables MTrendz Group to offer tailored solutions and innovative expertise to meet the needs of its clients across various industries.

## Mining Operations and Services

- Contract Mining
- Advisory, Legal Compliances and Training
- Contract Crushing and Screening
- Project Engineering and Consulting
- Outsourced Plant Operations (O&M Services)
- Lean Consulting
- Cleaner Energy Transition
- Mine Closure and Rehabilitation

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- Civil Engineering
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- Hardfacing
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- Onsite Services

MTrendz Group remains consistent in its commitment to compliance and adherence to industry standards across all sectors in which it operates. Below are the associations and affiliations that reflect this dedication.



MTrendz Group is actively involved with a diverse range of clients, either directly or indirectly. Our presence spans various industries, reflecting our commitment to delivering excellence and achieving impactful results. Below are the esteemed clients we proudly serve.



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# Teeing Off for a Cause: Mining CSI Charity Golf Day 2025

The Second Annual Mining CSI Golf Day occurred on 2 February 2025 at Rondebosch Golf Club in Cape Town, preceding the Investing in African Mining Indaba, which took place from 3 to 6 February 2025.

This annual event brings together industry leaders, investors, and policymakers to discuss African mining developments and investment opportunities. The 2025 theme was "Preparing for the future of mining in Africa, today!", focusing on sustainable mining practices, energy transition, and community involvement.

## Acknowledging the Supporters

The Mining CSI Team extends heartfelt gratitude to: Key Contributors, namely:

Players, for participating and making the event a success, Volunteers, for their dedication and hard work, the Rondebosch Golf Course Management Team, for providing an excellent venue, Auctioneer - Lungelo Matiwana, for expertly facilitating the auction, last but not least, the following Sponsors:

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## Looking Forward to the Next Event

The Mining CSI Team is already planning for the 3rd Annual Mining CSI Golf Day in 2026, promising an even bigger and better experience. The event will take place on 8 February 2026 at Rondebosch Golf Club, Cape Town, alongside the Mining Indaba, scheduled for 9-12 February 2026.

## Key Highlights

**Mark Your Calendars:** Make sure to diarize the dates for the 3rd Annual Mining CSI Golf Day and the Mining Indaba 2026.

**Bigger and Better:** The team is working hard to create an even more engaging and successful event in 2026.

**Partnership:** Mining CSI Publication is a partner of the Mining Indaba, solidifying their commitment to the industry.

The team can't wait to see you all again in 2026!



To view images of 2025 golf day please logon to: [www.miningcsi.co.za](http://www.miningcsi.co.za) and click on the golf banner.





# GREENIRON TO DEPLOY ABB TECHNOLOGY FOR GREATER CIRCULARITY IN METALS AND MINING INDUSTRIES

- Swedish pioneer for fossil-free metal production chooses ABB distributed control system to manage and automate its process
- Order supports GreenIron's ambition to lead the industries' transformation to a circular economy and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Latest version of ABB technology will create optimizations and efficiencies and is key to GreenIron's scale up and commercialization



**ABB has been selected by GreenIron, an innovative Swedish company working in the mining and metals industries with its patented materials reduction technology, to provide automation and control system solutions for a first commercial facility in Sandviken, Sweden.**

GreenIron's hydrogen-based reduction technology will be industrialized for fossil-free and energy-efficient production of metals, producing fossil-free sponge iron that can then be used in industries such as steelmaking. A single furnace is expected to reduce carbon emissions by around 56,000 tonnes per year compared to traditional coal-based methods, with the only residual product being water. Scaling up to 300 furnaces would correspond to roughly 35 percent of Sweden's annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The integration of the ABB Ability™ System 800xA® distributed control system (DCS) will enable the scaling up of GreenIron's operations. The powerful automation platform will manage the entire industrial process, with the capabilities to integrate control, safety and power management into one system. It will mean overall plant visibility for optimizations, efficiencies and better decision making based on data and insights.

GreenIron paves the way for circular production processes by producing valuable raw materials from residual products such as landfills and residues as well as virgin ore. The sponge iron products can be used in steel or other metal fabrication processes, including electric arc furnaces, smelting plants and foundries.

"The collaboration with ABB is a crucial part of our scaling up and future growth as we commence commercial production," said Ulrika Molander, Chief Operating Officer of GreenIron. "ABB's system will enable us to make informed decisions, stabilize operations at every stage, and analyze data for our continued journey. It's an exciting time for us."

ABB and GreenIron's technologies are compatible with renewable, intermittent power sources like solar and wind. The goal is to contribute to the creation of a CO<sub>2</sub>-free value chain, from the extraction of ore to the production of steel and various metals. Together, these industries account for around eight per cent of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, according to International Energy Agency (IEA) figures ♦

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# MakwaIT and Hitachi Forge

## *Stronger Ties to Drive Digital Transformation in Africa*

**M**akwaIT Technologies, one of South Africa's fastest-growing digital technology companies, has been appointed as a Hitachi Vantara Master Reseller for 31 countries in Africa. This is the latest in a series of partnership agreements to expand MakwaIT's solution portfolio on the continent and follows the recent announcement of its collaboration with Workday.

Rishi Birbal, Chief Strategy, Partnerships, M&A and Sustainability Officer at MakwaIT, says the Master Reseller agreement strengthens the existing relationship between the two companies, which has supported enterprise storage and computing infrastructure for some of South Africa's biggest banks over the past three years. "This partnership advances our growth strategy by improving our technological capabilities, giving us a competitive edge and enabling us to offer cost-effective, value-driven solutions to our customers. It also positions us to better address evolving customer needs and assist organisations across Africa with private, public, and hybrid cloud solutions."

He adds that the agreement aligns with MakwaIT's AI-driven digital strategy. "With increased demand for data sovereignty and privacy, we can now provide on-premises solutions that enable enterprises to implement secure private clouds while leveraging AI-driven innovation."



"We're excited to expand our relationship with MakwaIT Technologies, a trusted partner for clients who depend on critical infrastructure and AI solutions. This partnership is a natural fit – together, we deliver the reliability, innovation and expertise businesses need to accelerate digital transformation," shares Gerald Painter, General Manager for Hitachi Africa.

"Integrating Hitachi's solutions into our broader technology portfolio expands our ability to support the transformation of banks and enterprises across the continent," concludes Birbal.

### About MakwaIT Technologies

*MakwaIT Technologies is one of the youngest and fastest growing digital technology companies in South Africa, helping customers in both the private and public sectors realise the benefits of digital transformation. It strives to continuously optimise and enable its clients' businesses through its wide range of IT solutions which include big data analytics, cloud services, network security and data centre switching, amongst others. Not only are these provided to large enterprises but to small and midsize businesses too, enabling them to respond dynamically to the ever-changing business environment. For more information, go to <https://makwa-it.com>.*

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# Mining can transform lives through sport

Nelson Mandela once said: *“Sport has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand.”* The Institute of Sport is an organisation that continues to embody and utilise the transformative power of sport.

It is well-documented that the mining fraternity is one of the most notable economic players in South Africa, but what is less known is that the sector also dedicates significant amounts of investments into Social and Labour Plans (SLP), as well as through various Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiatives. The Institute of Sport (IOS) is perfectly poised to guide stakeholders from the mining industry on how to use their CSI and SLP budgets to foster positive transformation through sports in schools and communities where mining operations are conducted.

As South Africa's foremost and leading skills advisory group for sport skills, talent and impact management, it has a proven and stellar track record of assisting clients such as sport organisations, corporate companies and government entities. Olympic bodies, public and private colleges and universities have also benefitted from its expertise. It is now poised to provide its services to the mining sector.

## School Sport Revival Programme in Mining Towns and Renewable Energy Catchment Communities

The ball is in the court of mining houses, subsidiaries and other partners that have an opportunity to demonstrate the profound impact of sports on the development of youth. Sport is not solely about competition but serves as a platform for youth empowerment through them striving to be faster, to go higher and to be stronger, together.

By collaborating with the Institute of Sport, mining businesses can go for gold as they contribute even more to the communities they serve. School sports programmes in South Africa have long been an essential part of education, fostering teamwork, discipline, and physical well-being among young people.

However, in recent years, many schools, particularly in underprivileged communities, have experienced a decline in structured sports activities due to budget constraints, lack of resources, and inadequate infrastructure. Reviving school sports is crucial for holistic learner development and has far-reaching benefits for both individuals and society. One of the most obvious advantages of school sports is its role in promoting physical health, but beyond that, school sports instil vital life skills in pupils. Through teamwork, leadership, and discipline, students gain the ability to work towards common goals, communicate effectively, and handle both success and failure with the same positive mindset. These skills translate into other areas of life, preparing youth for future careers, especially in mining.

Reviving sports in schools also provides an opportunity to identify and nurture talent. South Africa has a rich sporting history, excelling in more popular sports such as rugby, cricket, athletics, and soccer. Many more professional sportspeople began their journey in school sports programmes. By investing in school sports, the mining industry can cultivate the next generation of world-class athletes who can compete on international platforms, bringing pride and unity to the nation.

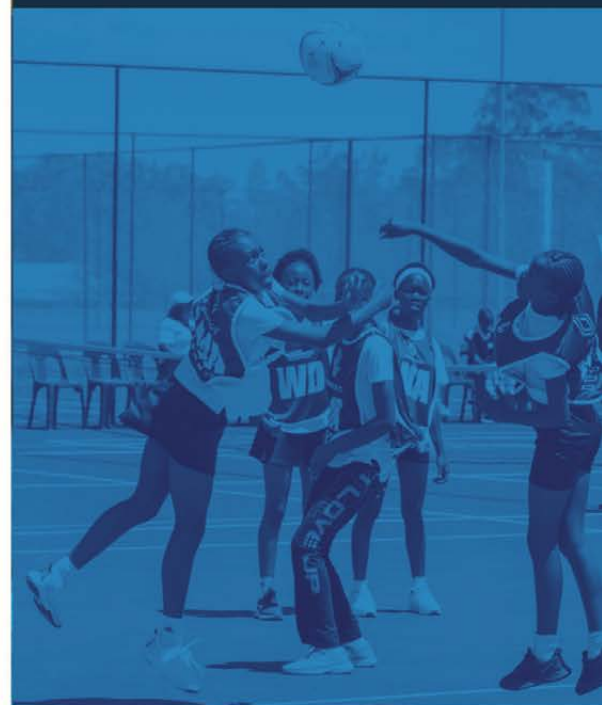
**The Institute of Sport has a 100% record of mobilising schools, teachers, clubs and communities. Now is the time for mines and grant agencies to be team players.**

In recent years, the decline of structured school sports has been driven by budget cuts, lack of infrastructure, and limited resources. However, initiatives by Cennergi, a windfarm, and a pioneering mining company have supported sports initiatives. In the inland wind turbine towns, energy companies are finding how receptive and passionate these areas are when given the opportunity.

Research conducted by the University of the Witwatersrand has shown an adhesive within mining towns—bringing together industry and community. Findings affirm sport's unparalleled role in fostering unity and resilience.

An exemplary project leading this charge is Commfoc, a community mining funder, being Glencore. This programme offers a unique development as a tool to inspire, upskill, and positively impact the lives of young people.

What sets the Institute of Sport apart is its forward-thinking and resourceful model. The organisation not only delivers on its promise of helping to unearth talent while building healthier, more resilient communities. As the country's leading authority in sport development, the Institute continues to be a trusted partner to sports bodies, communities, and a unique chance to join this growing legacy—by turning passion into performance.



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ports in under-resourced communities has become increasingly evident—  
 ted access to qualified coaches. Yet, examples like PlayerNation, backed  
 house, being Exxaro, demonstrate the immense potential of revitalised  
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 given the opportunity.

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 ers a scalable model for other mining houses to follow, using football  
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d-thinking approach to sustainability and funding. Through a blended  
 s high-impact youth programmes but also ensures long-term viability—  
 re hopeful communities from the grassroots up.  
 ment, sport programme design and impact management, the Institute  
 corporations, and government stakeholders. Now, mining companies have  
 g their investment into lifelong transformation.

To successfully revive school sports programmes, it is essential for the  
 mining fraternity to take the lead in investing additional CSI and SLP  
 funds to strengthen sport structures, develop a sport skills base, create  
 opportunities for participation at all levels, throughout the community,  
 and provide the necessary equipment.

### Development of sports clubs

The sports landscape in South Africa is also facing another challenge:  
 the lack of development when it comes to sports clubs. There is a  
 pressing need for expert guidance and support in club management.  
 A high number of clubs do not have the necessary knowledge and  
 resources to negotiate essential topics such as administration, funding,  
 and visibility. This often hinders their growth and ability to attract  
 attention from both enthusiasts and potential sponsors.

CLUBSMART™ is a pioneering initiative aimed at revolutionising the  
 way sporting clubs operate and thrive. Recognising the challenges  
 faced by these clubs, CLUBSMART™, through the Institute of Sport  
 is on a joint mission to empower them with the tools and guidance  
 needed for them to shine.

Commfoot, using CLUBSMART™ through a collaboration between  
 IOS and Grinaker Sport, is an opportunity for mining companies that  
 are looking to tap into the hearts and minds of South Africans, in order  
 to give them hope, invest in upskilling grassroots club football and  
 reducing youth delinquency.

### Mining houses can get the ball rolling in sports development

It is possible for a version of South Africa where every school child plays  
 quality sport and recreation on a regular basis. This would be a country  
 where club sport is thriving in township and rural communities, and  
 all sport, including hockey, tennis, squash and swimming are available  
 and accessible to all communities. It is not a far-fetched dream that  
 children don't have to travel far outside their living areas to far-flung  
 elite schools in suburbs to play sport, and teachers as well as volunteers  
 are well skilled, ready, willing and able to provide quality coaching to  
 local teams.

All it would take for 100 mines and 100 JSE listed companies to change  
 the provision of 10 000 schools sports facilities and programmes, is  
 a mere R100 000 per month. There is enough human, physical and  
 capital resources to make this happen within the mining industry.

The Weighted Average Return of Capital will be 100%, and tax rebates  
 would be a further 100% return of investment in training 10 000  
 coaches and administrators per year.

### Institute of Sport: the mining industry's partner in changing sporting lives for the better.

The institute of Sport Blended Impact funding and resourcing  
 methodology is a sure way of achieving goals of happy, healthy,  
 sport-loving and thriving communities.





## MEDIA RELEASE

# TSHIAMISO TRUST REACHES MAJOR MILESTONE: OVER R2 BILLION DISBURSED TO EX GOLD MINEWORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Just four years after commencing operations, the Tshiamiso Trust has achieved a significant milestone, disbursing over R2 billion to ex gold mineworkers and their families who met the criteria for silicosis and work-related tuberculosis (TB) compensation in February 2025. This groundbreaking achievement represents a positive impact on more than 21 200 families, and marks the largest payout ever made by a compensation organisation in this sector.

Dr. Munyadziwa Kwindu, Chief Executive Officer of the Tshiamiso Trust, expressed his gratitude, saying, "This milestone is a collective victory. It is through the remarkable collaboration of all our stakeholders that we have accomplished something unprecedented. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of those who have suffered due to the working conditions they endured. A special thank you goes to the Trust Ambassadors who worked tirelessly beyond the call of duty to make this milestone possible."

In addition to reaching the R2 billion payout threshold, the Trust has made several significant strides in enhancing its service offerings and expanding its geographical

reach in the past quarter. Key developments include:

- **Expanding Benefit Medical Examinations (BMEs):** BME services are now available in Botswana, extending Trust services to claimants across South Africa, Lesotho, Mozambique, eSwatini, and Botswana.
- **Zimbabwe Pilot Success:** A successful pilot project in Zimbabwe paves the way for the official launch of claim lodgement and BME services, bringing vital services closer to those in need.



OVER R2 BILLION PAID  
...and counting



“ This milestone is a collective victory. It is through the remarkable collaboration of all our stakeholders that we have accomplished something unprecedented. ”

*Dr. Munyadziwa Kwindu,  
Chief Executive Officer Tshiamiso Trust*

- **Malawi Engagement:** Progress in discussions with the Malawian government will enable future service provision, broadening the Trust’s reach.
- **Streamlined Death Certificate Process:** An amendment to the Trust Deed now accepts Medical Certificate of Cause of Death in the Notice of Death, simplifying the claims process for dependents and resolving challenges related to “natural causes” stated on death certificates.
- **Increased Benefit Amounts:** Benefits have been adjusted in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), safeguarding the economic value of compensation against inflation.
- **Extended Dispute Period:** Claimants now have 120 days to dispute claim outcomes, ensuring ample time for claimants to log a dispute.

The geographical distribution of claims highlights the Trust’s impact across the region, with Lesotho seeing the highest concentration of payments at 40%, followed by the Eastern Cape in South Africa at 27%. To date, 8 799 Lesotho claims have been paid

out, amounting to R799 million, and 5 559 Eastern Cape claims have been compensated, valued at R531 million.

Despite these significant advancements, the Trust acknowledges that challenges remain. Notably, the delays in certification process is complicated by factors such as:

- **Missing Documentation:** Thousands of claims remain stalled due to the unavailability of essential documentation needed for certification.
- **Contact Issues:** Many claimants are unreachable using the contact information they provided, which prevents claim updates and scheduling of BMEs.
- **Trust Deed Interpretation:** Claims using NIOH post-mortem/Autopsy reports to determine the primary cause of death, claims using ODMWA certificates as evidence of compensable disease and lung function impairment, as well as claims for living mineworkers who had TB previously.

“With four years remaining to fulfill our mandate, we are focused on overcoming these obstacles and ensuring that every eligible individual receives their due compensation,” Dr. Kwindu emphasized. “We remain committed to transparency, efficiency, and the continued collaboration with our stakeholders. Our efforts will not waver until we reach as many Settling Claimants as is reasonably possible” ◆



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## CAR RENTAL SERVICES

SAGIS Logistics is a car logistics company specializing in facilitation of transportation for car rental and hiring in South Africa. Due to high demand of transportation services post covid-19 period, SAGIS Logistics was established to cater for the traveling market for social, business, tourism and economic travel needs.

SAGIS Logistics has partnerships with most car rental companies in South Africa, such as AVIS, Europcar, Hertz and Dollar Thrifty of which are all available throughout the country and all the airports.

## TRANSPORT FACILITATION SERVICE

The company is able to provide vehicles with unlimited km in most cases due to wide range availability of vehicles from car rental companies which makes it easy and possible.



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**Mr Ronnie Shishongwe,**  
*Founder of RJ Shishongwa Foundation*



## RJ SHISHONGWE FOUNDATION

A business practitioner launched RJ Shishongwe Foundation for the Sole purpose assisting under-privileged students - By opening his heart and wallet for many students and families facing difficulties with finance for tuition.

Champion educational Justice through holistic programs to enable youth realize their potential and become financially independent. Quality University / College Education is achieved by a variety of elements amongst others: Learning materials : personnel etc.

Hunger nor love knows no race, color boundaries nor gender. It is a commitment we took and partially achieved in a short period of time: and yes it is not enough but it is a journey of miles that we are ready to walk in the future. We further took the initiative of imparting practical skills to students who are doing Engineering courses.

This is a commitment we are undertaking as RJ Shishongwe Foundation to improve the lives of communities through various ways.

Herewith are the names of Students whom we have academically assisted so far in the **2025 Academic Year:**

1. **NAME:** Mungulwa Vhulenda Lawrence  
**NAME OF INSTITUTION:** University of Johannesburg  
**DEGREE ENROLLED FOR:** B. Tech (Industrial Engineering)
2. **NAME:** Hoffman Karel Teodorus +Laptop  
**NAME OF INSTITUTION:** University of Cape Town  
**DEGREE ENROLLED FOR:** Bachelor of Commerce
3. **NAME:** Hoffman Jolene Paula +Laptop  
**NAME OF INSTITUTION:** University of Cape Town  
**DEGREE ENROLLED FOR:** Bachelor of Commerce
4. **NAME:** Madubanya Rudin Mahlatswe  
**NAME OF INSTITUTION:** University of the Witwatersrand  
**DEGREE ENROLLED FOR:** Bachelor of Commerce
5. **NAME:** Mafa Jimmy Moele  
**NAME OF INSTITUTION:** Rosebank College  
**DEGREE ENROLLED FOR:** Bachelor of information Technology
6. **NAME:** Matladi Karlina Mabago  
**NAME OF INSTITUTION:** University of Johannesburg  
**DEGREE ENROLLED FOR:** Bachelor of Science
7. **NAME:** Mathaba Mapeke  
**NAME OF INSTITUTION:** University of Johannesburg  
**DEGREE ENROLLED FOR:** Bachelor of Commerce

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# Ndalamo Resources Acquires Wonderfontein Coal Mine

*from Umsimbithi Mining, Marking a Significant Milestone in Strategic Growth and Diversification*

**N**dalamo Resources (Ndalamo), a leading South African mid-tier mining company, is proud to announce the acquisition of the Wonderfontein Coal Mine in Mpumalanga from Umsimbithi Mining (Pty). This acquisition is particularly significant as Wonderfontein becomes Ndalamo's first wholly owned operating mine, a strategic milestone that underscores the company's commitment to expanding its independent operational footprint in the mining sector.

The Wonderfontein Coal Mine has a rich history, originally owned and operated by Umsimbithi Mining (Pty) Limited in a joint venture of Lithemba Wonderfontein Coal, Phembani Group, and Glencore. The mine began operations in 2012 as an underground mine but transitioned to a fully opencast truck-and-shovel operation in 2013. It was officially commissioned and opened as an opencast coal mine and wash plant in 2014.

Ndalamo has a proven track record of strategic joint ventures, including successful partnerships with Universal Coal. However, the acquisition of Wonderfontein marks a new chapter in the company's evolution, representing a critical step towards greater operational independence. This wholly owned asset enables Ndalamo to further refine its approach to sustainable and profitable mining, free from the constraints of joint ventures.

"The acquisition of Wonderfontein Colliery not only strengthens our portfolio but also marks a significant milestone in our growth and diversification strategy," said Shammy Luvhengo, CEO of Ndalamo. "With a processing plant capable of handling 300kt of coal per month and a railway siding designed to manage RBCT jumbo size wagons, this asset positions us to expand our offering and enhance operational control. We are determined to maintain profit margins by introducing new investment opportunities, consolidating strategic assets, and exploring markets beyond Eskom.



**Ndalamo Resources**  
Living Into The Future

This proactive approach will ensure that we remain resilient and adaptable in a rapidly evolving industry," said Shammy Luvhengo, CEO of Ndalamo.

Wonderfontein operates at a peak mining rate of 4.2 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) and is expected to have a life of mine up to 2030. Its mining right, expires on 2 June 2037, ensuring a long-term operational horizon.

Ndalamo is committed to creating sustainable value for its stakeholders by pursuing a growth and diversification strategy. While coal will remain the core business and is expected to comprise up to 70% of future operations, the company is also focused on diversifying into new commodities and alternate energies. The Wonderfontein acquisition is a key step in this direction, reinforcing Ndalamo's position in the coal sector while laying the groundwork for





# BACK TO SCHOOL-DRIVE

FEBRUARY 2025



## Top Achievers

“At MTR, our commitment to corporate citizenship goes beyond compliance; it is deeply ingrained in our culture and values. Our collaboration with the Department of Education and the Office of the Executive Mayor of Mogale City has been instrumental in driving meaningful change.” On the 31 January 2025 MTR offered two Full Bursaries to the Top Achievers from schools in Kagiso.



## 100+ SCHOOL UNIFORMS DONATED

MTR has responded to the call from the Executive Mayor of Mogale City and the Department of Education to support 100 learners at Athlolang Primary School and WD Oliphant Primary School with full school uniforms. With the support of local councilors and MMCs, we are proud to contribute to the well-being and confidence of these young students as they pursue their education.

## BURSARIES

As part of our ongoing commitment to education, we are pleased to share that the students who received bursaries last year have performed well and have renewed contracts for the 2025 academic year. We congratulate them on their achievements and wish them continued success. Our bursary program for the upcoming academic year was open for applications until February 21, 2025, and are in the process of being adjudicated. We look forward to seeing more young people benefit from this initiative as we strive to empower the next generation through education.

For CSI Applications, please send your enquiries to [csi@mogalettr.com](mailto:csi@mogalettr.com)





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**S**outh Africans have a special affinity for their bakkies and when they get some extra swank, we like them even more. Toyota has their Hilux GR Sport, Ford the Wildtrak X, Isuzu an Arctic Truck conversion on their D-Max, Mitsubishi the Triton Xtreme and now Nissan has the Navara PRO-4X Warrior. It was jointly developed with Premar, an Australian engineering consultancy and second-tier manufacturing company in a joint venture with the Pretoria-based AIH group.

The arrangement allows them to operate from the Nissan factory in Rosslyn, Pretoria by taking it off the production line and then adding the Warrior goodies to it, Exterior and interior. The exterior gets a more aggressive look with a blacked out grille, door handles, roof rack, side steps, 17-inch alloys under flares and red accents while inside the seats receive Warrior-banded black seats with red stitching. The modified front bumper improves the approach angle by two degrees to 35 degrees with the departure angle still 27 degrees.

# NISSAN NAVARA



## UNDER THE SKIN

Most of the work though has been done to the suspension set-up. It's been upgraded to provide the Warrior with an increased ride height, improved springs and recalibrated dampers providing better wheel articulation. With 275/65/R17 MAXXIS RAZR all-terrain tyres, the combination improves the ride height to 232mm over the standard PRO-4X's 221mm and increases the track width by 30mm. The rest of the Warrior is standard Navara fare.

Under the hood is a 2.5-litre turbo diesel engine with 140kW and 450Nm of torque coupled to a seven-speed automatic transmission with 4H, 4L and a rear difflock. Inside there's an eight-inch touchscreen infotainment system with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, a configurable seven-inch driver assist display and dual-zone climate control.



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It's not the most modern cabin in the business but everything you need is there and it's easy to operate.


Driving the Nissan Navara is one of the most comfortable ladder frame bakkies on the market thanks to a multilink rear suspension, beefed up in the Warrior edition, as opposed to the more popular leaf spring configuration. The Warrior has a slightly stiffer ride as a result of the modifications and while the engine outputs remain the same, the increased track and rolling resistance didn't feel like it had any significant impact on its on-road performance.

Road noise from the all terrain tyres wasn't intrusive at all either and in any case, if you're looking to improve a 4x4s ability with tyre selection, there is always a compromise.

Off-road - Our off-road drive was at a section of the Piesangkloof 4x4 Trail just outside Brits in the North West Province. I've driven this trail a number of times in some capable 4x4s and the Navara Warrior is right up there with some of the best. There were some gnarly washaways after the recent heavy rains in Gauteng and the track is renowned for its rocky inclines and steep steps. In 4L and with the correct line we had no problem and only once did I engage the difflock, more as a precaution than really needing it.

It's easy to see the obstacles in your path thanks to the camera's offroad view and its bird's eye view of where your wheels are. When we get it on a test I'd like to take it back and see how it tackles the whole route that has some serious obstacles along the way.

Safety comes in the form of Nissan's Intelligent Mobility suite, which includes forward collision warning, lane departure warning, blind spot monitoring, and an intelligent around-view monitor and a comprehensive airbag system, with side-impact and curtain airbags.

Premcar also provides Nissan's six-year/150 000km warranty on all Warrior-enhanced components and modifications. **Priced at R924,000** the Nissan Navara PRO-4X Warrior 





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