

# Boikarabelo News

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Welcome to Boikarabelo News, the regular newsletter which will keep you up-to-date with progress in and around the Boikarabelo Coal Mine – one of South Africa's largest coal deposits.

Development at Boikarabelo is proceeding in limited areas as we await finalisation of funding. In this newsletter, we highlight the hard work by members of our team both at the minesite and in the local communities.

## Funding negotiations continue



Ledjadja Coal (Pty) Limited has been negotiating with various parties including a club of potential financiers to provide project finance for the construction of the Boikarabelo mine. There are seven parties involved including one of South Africa's largest banks, RMB, and two government-owned large financial institutions, PIC and IDC.

Negotiations have reached a mature stage and a term sheet is being finalised on the expectation it will provide all required remaining funding for the mine construction.

While this protracted process is on-going, the company continues to explore alternate funding arrangements to maximise the chance of finalising the successful development of the Boikarabelo mine.



# Community News:

## Boikarabelo CSI School Initiative Programme

In partnership with the Lerekhureng Combined School, the Ledjadja Coal HR Department hosted a successful Corporate and Social Investment (CSI) school programme on 23 February 2015.

This was an unforgettable experience for all learners at Lerekhureng Combined School in Steenbokpan, Lephalale. Prior to the event, the HR team lead by Mrs. Bongzi Ndimande, Manager for Human Resources and Ms. Lerato Ratsoenyane, SLP Practitioner, held various engagements with the school's head principal, Mr. Jacob Lamola, to identify the priority needs for the school. It was then agreed by both parties to invest in school uniforms by providing t-shirts for all Grade 5, 6, 7 and 8 learners.

The programme was initiated as part of the on-going Social and Labour Plan commitment by Ledjadja Coal (Pty) Ltd to support educational programmes in line with our CSI projects targeting local schools in the vicinity of the Boikarabelo Coal Mine operations.

The event was dignified by the presence of the principal, teachers and all 310 learners from Grade R to Grade 10. Councillor Frans Magwai, councillor for Ward 3, Steenbokpan was also present along with Mrs. Ivy Mabotja and her team from Governors School (Pty) Ltd., who were the local suppliers that made the shirts with the school logo.

The programme was opened by the learners singing the South African National Anthem followed by prayer with welcome and introduction sessions led by Mr. Lamola. Councillor Frans Magwai gave a brief welcome note followed by Mrs. Ndimande explaining the purpose for the meeting and a brief motivational talk to the learners. Ms. Ratsoenyane ensured the whole programme ran smoothly and kept the learners on their toes with singing, praising and a prize giving!



Lerekhureng learners at the assembly point awaiting the commencement of the programme.



Councillor Frans Magwai thanked and acknowledged the guests, teachers and learners.



Mr Jacob Lamola, Lerekhureng Principal opens the Programme.



Chisa Nyama, one of the local ladies, together with Sister Sara and Sister Mamiki preparing food for the students.



Grade 5 class wearing their locally made school shirts.



Grade 6 class wearing their locally made school shirts.



Grade 7 class wearing their locally made school shirts.



Some grade 8 students receiving school shirts.



Lerekhureng Cultural Dance Group.

# Operational News:

## Site office complex relocated

As part of our planned site rearrangement we relocated the offices from Kruishout farm to the new construction offices just before the Christmas break. Telephone and data communications have been installed and commissioned to all occupied offices.

As part of the power redundancy program, the 100kVA Diesel generator at ZK03 was moved to the new office complex as an emergency power source and has been connected to the supply grid on a temporary basis. The generator will activate automatically should we suffer from load shedding.



As part of the new office complex, during the first week of January construction was carried out on shade netting for 30 vehicles. This was completed without any injuries or incidents.



## New guard office

With the relocation of the offices from Kruishout to the new construction office complex the entrance gate has also been moved from Kruishout to Kalkpan. The photo below shows the new entrance gate to the mine offices.



## New power lines

A 132kV power line is being installed which leads into the mine consumer substation. This line will eventually supply two x 40MVA 132/11kV transformers and will provide power to the operating mine, including the coal handling and preparation plant. Stringing will start at the beginning of April.

The 132kV overhead line project is progressing well and an H-pole, located at the consumer sub-station, was installed on 24 February by Conco.



*Conco employee installing conductors on the 132KV line.*



*An illustration of the stringing progress at the end tower before dropping down to the main in-come sub-station.*



*Safety barrier netting around the main in-come sub-station foundations.*



### Fibre network installation commences

Telkom commenced the fibre network installation along the planned access road to the mine during the first week in February. By the middle of March the pole infrastructure had been completed all the way up to the construction office complex (20 kilometres).



The fibre connection point from the Telkom main line routing towards the mine.

### MBET nears completion

Work is proceeding satisfactorily on the 13km Marapong to Boikarabelo Effluent Transfer (MBET) pipeline with completion expected shortly. As you drive along the road to Steenbokpan you may have notice the works.

The project is part of the larger 58km MBET project which will take treated waste water from the Marapong Waste Water Treatment Works to the Boikarabelo Coal Mine.



### Its Braai Time

Its braai time for the guys after all that hard and risky work, the Conco employees enjoy a braai and some refreshments.



# Health & Safety News:

## Conco Safety Demonstration



Conco recently achieved 100 days worked without any injury or serious incident. To honour this achievement Conco's Engineer Mr. Atang Mpobole was presented with a certificate of achievement from the EHL Project Manager Mr. Hugo Lindeque.

## World Aids Day event

Boikarabelo's World Aids Day campaign took place on 3 December 2014. The annual event by Boikarabelo Coal Mine for the neighbouring community with health practitioners from Lephalale and the Lesedi clinics invited to the event. The event was attended by more than 300 local people with over 70% participating in the voluntary testing for TB, HIV and AIDS.

At the end of February, Conco employees provided a demonstration of their well-entrenched rope rescue skills during a recovery emergency drill while working on the 132kV power line.

## Outstanding Delsy

Ms. Delsy Mncwango, Boikarabelo's safety officer, went on a two week COMSOC (Chamber of Mines Safety Officers Course) in January for two weeks and she obtained the certificate for the course. Delsy then completed the second and final leg of the COMSOC in March and has passed with an overall mark of 73%.



Delsy receives her first certificate from the Chamber of Mines.



Boikarabelo staff attend Boikarabelo's World Aids Day event.



# Environmental News

## BOIKARABELO SPONSORS VULTURE PROJECT

Boikarabelo is the proud sponsor of the Vulpro Vulture Rehabilitation Centre near Hartbeespoort Dam.

Following the vulture survey work undertaken with Vulpro, Boikarabelo provides sponsorship to the centre which has led to the development of a new enclosure.

The new enclosure is open-top and houses all the one winged vultures who, for their own safety, are non-releasable. The enclosure is specifically built to give these disabled vultures a meaningful life where they can breed on the ground and also have a sense of freedom and belonging in their environment. The birds are able to interact with wild birds which fly into the enclosure to make use of the large water dam. The enclosure also offers the captive and wild birds an opportunity to interact with one another in safety.

In addition, birds that are ready for release can now be moved into this open-air enclosure, where they can then release themselves therefore reducing stress of the process on the bird. This novel approach offers releasable birds the opportunity to interact with both captive and wild birds, fly when they want to fly, return when they want to and to simply do as they feel.

This has resulted in the releases being even more successful.



## Key priorities at Boikarabelo

- **Zero harm** – making sure Boikarabelo is a safe coal mine
- **Equality** – ensuring that men and women have an equal opportunity to work at the mine
- **Low environmental impact** – minimising the impact the mine has on the surrounding Waterberg region
- **Supporting the local economy** – ensuring that as many services as possible are sourced from the local region
- **Be responsible** – aiming to be responsible in all aspects of our work and community activity



**Ledjadja** means “the day that comes with the sun” always when this name is mentioned – the blessings of the day shine upon the company. As troubles come – they melt away as the sun melts the morning dew.



Ledjadja Coal (Pty) Limited is the company's BEE subsidiary which owns and operates the Boikarabelo coal mine.