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# DPWRT denies DA allegations of paying R2 million for two water tanks

*R2.1 million payment linked to three school projects; attributing the full amount to Carolina Academy is misleading, and the DA undermines informed public discourse and disregards the importance of verifying information.*

● LUCAS SHONGWE

**MPUMALANGA** — The Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWRT) has refuted allegations by the Democratic Alliance (DA) that it may have paid R2 million for the installation of only two JoJo tanks at a school in Carolina.

The department was responding to a statement issued by the DA on Tuesday, 31 March 2026, in which the party said it had written to Premier Mandla Ndlovu, requesting an investigation into a potential fraud after discovering that the department may have paid contractor KZK General Trading R2 million for the installation of two 2 500-litre JoJo tanks at Carolina Academy School.

The DA further said it made the discovery during an oversight visit last week, adding that the service provider was appointed by DPWRT in 2020 to install JoJo tanks, pumps, urinals and basins at the school.

“The contractor installed two 2 500-litre JoJo tanks, eight urinals and 16 basins at the school. According to information gathered, the contractor invoiced Public Works R2 million for work done, but the principal of Carolina Academy School refused to sign off the invoice as he believed the amount charged for the work done was ridiculous and inflated,” the DA said in a statement.

“At current market value, the price of a single 2 500-litre JoJo tank in South Africa ranges from R10 000 to R11 000, depending on the model and retailer. These prices also include delivery.”

The party also said that, according to its source, between 2020 and 2024 the school principal had been receiving threats and intimidation from both the Mpumalanga Department of Education

and DPWRT to sign off on the work so that the contractor could be paid.

“But to date, the principal has stood his ground and refused to sign for the work. There is no confirmation yet whether the contractor was eventually paid the invoiced R2 million or not,” the DA said.

In response, DPWRT dismissed the allegations as misleading and inaccurate, saying the conduct displayed by the DA undermines informed public discourse and disregards the importance of verifying information before it is communicated.

The department said it can confirm that the contractor in question was paid a total of R2 158 520.73 for work undertaken across three separate projects, not one as alleged.

“Umtulwana Primary School (R643 089.30), Umzimvelo Agricultural School (R752 786.32) and Carolina Academy Combined School (R762 645.11),” said department spokesperson Bongani Dhlamini. “It is therefore incorrect and misleading to attribute the total amount solely to Carolina Academy School or to a specific component of work.”

Dhlamini added that the department notes with serious concern the DA's failure to formally request information before going public with what it described as unfounded allegations.

He said the detailed Bill of Quantities (BOQ), which clearly outlines the scope of work and associated costs, is readily available within the department

and could have been accessed through proper channels. “This reckless disregard for due

process reflects a blatant intention to mislead the public rather than to seek the truth,” Dhlamini said.



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## Struggling with Self-Control

By Pastor Chuck Swindoll

So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. (Romans 7:14-15)

I've eaten too much, interfered where I had no business meddling, and spoken when I should have remained silent. Those are pretty common problems, aren't they? Universal, in fact. We have all exceeded the bounds of wisdom by failing to restrain ourselves. We all suffer from the same ailment: lack of self-control.

I would be a lot harder on myself were it not for Romans 7:14-15. I derive a lot of comfort from what the apostle Paul writes of his own experience. This man was an undisputed spiritual giant, called on by God to write God-breathed words and to lead thousands of believers on the journey to Christlikeness.

Best of all, Paul led by example! He

lived in submission to Christ no matter what. He was beaten, stoned, starved, shipwrecked, imprisoned, called a devil on one day and a god on another and ultimately martyred for this faithfulness to the gospel. We might be tempted to think that he lived as close to perfection as the Lord Himself, were it not for his own admission.

Paul's candid confession in Romans 7 sounds exactly like yours or mine: “For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate” (Romans 7:15).

Look at that! The apostle Paul is openly declaring that he can't always follow the very commands he writes under inspiration. He's not saying that theoretically he sometimes behaves differently than he knows to be right. He's saying, “This is life as I live it. This is the unending struggle of life as I experience it. I don't understand this about myself. I decide one way, and then I wind up acting another.”

Check out what he said a little later. It gets worse: “For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not” (Romans 7:18).

How honest is that? Isn't that true for all of us? I can't count the times I have asked myself, “Why? Why did I do something so foolish?” Paul's analysis exposing the root cause comes back, loud and clear.

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# Easter Crackdown: 199 drunk drivers nabbed on Mpumalanga roads

● LUCAS SHONGWE

**MPUMALANGA** — Nearly 200 motorists were arrested on Mpumalanga roads for alleged drunk driving. A total of 199 motorists were nabbed during roadblocks conducted on various routes across the province over the Easter holidays, from 03 to 05 April 2026.

Speaking to the *Highveld Chronicle* on the day of the launch of Operation Paseka in Middelburg on Wednesday, 01 April 2026, Community Safety MEC Jackie Macie warned that drunk driving would not be tolerated on Mpumalanga roads.

Macie said he supports a proposal by Transport Minister Barbara Creecy for stricter laws against drunk driving. Creecy is planning to amend the National Road Traffic Act to introduce a zero-tolerance (0.00%) blood alcohol

limit and to explore changing charges of culpable homicide to premeditated murder for drunk drivers who cause fatal crashes.

“I think we need to support the minister,” he said. “I am also lobbying that we support the minister because getting behind the steering wheel after drinking alcohol does not happen by accident. People plan that they want to get drunk, do so and then drive.”

The MEC added that the move is crucial to curb loss of lives on the roads due to drunk driving.

“We are trying to protect so many lives that we could lose on the road because of accidents caused by drunk drivers,” he said.

According to Mpumalanga police, the alleged drunk drivers

are among 1 348 suspects arrested during the Easter weekend. Other suspects were arrested for serious and violent crimes, including murder, attempted murder, rape, assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and robbery.

“Police visibility was heightened in the province, with roadblocks, stop-and-searches and patrols conducted on national, regional and municipal roads in an effort to prevent road fatalities, as well as arrest those transporting illegal goods,” said Colonel Mavela Masondo.

Masondo added that during raids at liquor outlets, 209 suspects were arrested for selling liquor without licences. The illegal outlets were targeted as they often do not comply with the Liquor Act and are generators of contact crimes such as

murder, assault and rape.

In an effort to curb the proliferation of illegal firearms used in the commission of serious and violent crimes, police recovered 11 shotguns, three rifles and about 88 rounds of ammunition. A further 22 dangerous weapons, including knives, were also confiscated.

**Other suspects were arrested for serious and violent crimes as follows:**

- Murder — 17
- Attempted murder — 11
- Rape — 29
- Assault GBH — 167
- Dealing in drugs — 68
- Possession of drugs — 82
- Armed robbery — 10



MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Jackie Macie, leads safety operations  
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# Nkangala presents draft IDP and budget

● LUCAS SHONGWE

**MIDDELBURG** — Nkangala District Municipality Executive Mayor Thomas Ngwenya says a significant portion of the municipal budget will be allocated to water initiatives across the district. Speaking to the *Highveld Chronicle* during the municipality's Draft Budget Indaba held on Thursday, 09 April 2026, Ngwenya said the draft budget highlights ongoing water challenges in eMalahleni, Thembisile Hani and Dr JS Moroka local municipalities.

The draft budget, presented by Acting Chief Financial Officer Alice Stander, forms part of the 2026/27 Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) and was approved on 25 March 2026. Community outreach programmes, covering all six municipalities, will commence on 17 April, with final approval scheduled for 27 May.

Ngwenya said once the process is finalised, the municipality will be able to clearly outline key priorities raised by communities. However, water challenges remain the primary concern.

"We are already aware that water is the main challenge in the district. Many residents frequently experience water shortages. Communities in eMalahleni, Thembisile Hani and Dr JS Moroka are facing a water crisis. We will return to communities to confirm whether this remains the top priority. This indicates that a significant portion of our budget will be directed towards addressing water challenges," he said.

Looking ahead to the 2026/27 financial year, the municipality plans to collect R728 million, a decrease from the R781 million projected for the 2025/26 financial year. Revenue is projected at R621 million for 2027/28 and R686 million for 2028/29.

Operational expenditure is set at R671 million for the current financial year, with projections of R536 million and R626 million for the following two years.

In terms of funding from provincial and national government, eMalahleni is set to receive R48 million in the current financial year, with no allocations projected for the following two years. Emakhaseni will receive R300,

while Steve Tshwete has no allocation for the current and upcoming financial years.

Thembisile Hani is expected to receive R213 million, R131 million and R198 million over the three-year period. Victor Khanye will receive R13 million in the current financial year, with no further allocations projected. Dr JS Moroka is allocated R900 000 this year, followed by R10 million in each of the next two financial years.

The district municipality itself is projected to receive R32 million in 2026/27, with further allocations of R18 million and R16 million for the 2027/28 and 2028/29 financial years respectively.

Ngwenya has called on residents across the six municipalities in Nkangala District to participate in the upcoming community outreach programmes.

"Our outreach programmes will

move from one municipality to another, where we will present the draft budget and departmental plans to communities. This is an opportunity for residents to understand the plans and contribute their views. Public participation is essential, as guided by Section 152(1)(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, which promotes community involvement in local government," he said.



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# Exxaro, Eskom sign long-term coal supply deal to secure energy and jobs

● RODNEY HLATSHWAYO

**NKANGALA** — Exxaro Resources and Eskom have signed a new long-term coal supply agreement aimed at securing stable electricity generation at the Matla Power Station while supporting jobs and economic activity in Mpumalanga.

The agreement, which came into effect on 01 April 2026, will run until 30 November 2043 and ensures the continued supply of coal from Exxaro's Matla Mine to Eskom. The partnership between the two entities dates back to 1983 and remains a key component of South Africa's energy system.

The deal is expected to provide long-term stability for both the power utility and the mine, reinforcing coal's role in maintaining baseload electricity supply

while the country transitions to renewable energy. Exxaro CEO Ben Magara described the agreement as a significant milestone for the company and its relationship with Eskom.

“The signing of this new Coal Supply Agreement marks an important milestone in our long-standing partnership with Eskom and reinforces our shared commitment to supporting South Africa's energy security needs in line with national demands and fluctuating geopolitical influencers. This agreement comes on the back of Eskom's recent investment in the Matla Life of Mine (MLOM) expansion project, which strengthens the

mine's ability to sustainably supply coal to the Matla Power Station for the remainder of its life,” said Magara. He added that Exxaro remains confident in the future of the operation, reaffirming the strategic importance of Matla as a key asset in its coal portfolio and its commitment to responsible resource development, reliable energy supply and long-term value for employees, host communities and the broader economy.

Eskom Group CEO Dan Marokane said the agreement strengthens reliability in coal supply and supports operational performance at one of the country's key power stations. “This agreement ensures predictability and stability in the supply of coal to the Matla Power Station, an essential component of our generation fleet, and reinforces a partnership that has supported the nation's power system for more than four decades,” said Marokane.

The agreement also forms part of Eskom's broader strategy to improve efficiency and reduce costs through its Cost Optimisation and Revenue Enhancement (CORE) programme. Exxaro remains one of South Africa's largest coal producers, with coal production increasing to 39.9 million tonnes and sales reaching 39.6 million tonnes in the 2025 financial year. Export volumes also rose by 2%

to 7.1 million tonnes.

The company reported a 3% increase in revenue to R41.8 billion, while total dividends for the year amounted to R6.3 billion, marking its 46th consecutive dividend since listing on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange in 2006.

Beyond coal, Exxaro is expanding its operations into other commodities and energy sources as part of its long-term growth strategy.

In February 2026, the company completed the acquisition of manganese assets linked to the Tshipi Borwa mine in the Kalahari Manganese Field. The mine is one of the world's largest manganese producers, with an annual output of approximately 3.5 million tonnes.

The acquisition positions Exxaro as a globally significant manganese producer and strengthens its diversification strategy while maintaining a strong coal base.

At the same time, the company is increasing its investment in renewable energy. Exxaro has more than doubled its renewable energy capacity and continues to expand its project pipeline.

One of the key developments is the 140MW Karreebosch wind farm project, which is currently under construction and expected to start generating power in the first half of 2027.

The company has also commissioned the 68MW Lephalele Solar Plant,

which will generate approximately 176GWh of electricity annually. The project is expected to reduce electricity costs at the Grootegeluk mine by about R100 million per year and lower emissions.

Additional investments include the acquisition of majority stakes in operational wind energy assets, further strengthening Exxaro's position in the renewable energy space.

Despite the shift towards cleaner energy, coal continues to play a critical role in South Africa's energy mix. The Matla Mine remains a key supplier to Eskom and an important economic driver in Mpumalanga.

The long-term agreement is expected to sustain jobs, support local businesses and contribute to economic stability in communities surrounding the mine.

As the country works to balance energy security with sustainability, the Exxaro-Eskom agreement highlights the importance of maintaining reliable coal supply while gradually transitioning to a diversified and lower-carbon energy future.

The group also reported zero fatalities in 2025, marking 40 consecutive months without a fatality.

It said this milestone demonstrates that its goal of zero harm is achievable, while emphasising the need to remain vigilant. Exxaro further confirmed that it met its market guidance across all performance metrics.



Exxaro Group CEO Dan Marokane and Exxaro CEO Ben Magara **IMAGE: Supplied**



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<p>Notice is hereby given in terms of section 29(1) of the Municipal Systems Act (2000) that the Draft Integrated Development Plan 2026/2027 for eMalahleni Local Municipality will be available for public comment as from 10 April 2026 to 07 May 2026. It will be available for perusal at the following points during office hours:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civic Centre, Cnr. Mandela Street &amp; Arras Street</li> <li>Witbank Library, Hofmeyer Street.</li> <li>Lynnville Library, Hector Way</li> <li>KwaGuqa extension 14 Library</li> <li>Klipfontein Library</li> <li>Ogies Office-No.1 Main Road (old Primary School)</li> <li>Ga-Nala Office-Quinten Street</li> <li>Phola Municipal Office</li> <li>Municipal website: <a href="http://www.emalahleni.gov.za">www.emalahleni.gov.za</a></li> </ol> <p>Contact Person: N. Mtshabe/ M.P. Maphutha Tel: 013-690 6731 /013-690 6543</p> <p>Comments may be sent to: P.O. Box 3, Witbank, 1035 or delivered at the office of the Municipal manager, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Comments may be also posted in comments box on municipal website <a href="http://www.emalahleni.gov.za">www.emalahleni.gov.za</a>, on or before 07 May 2026</p>	<p>Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge artikel 29(1) van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Stelselwet (2000) Wet 32 van 2000, soos gewysig dat die Konsep Geintegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan (IOP) vir die 2026/2027 finansiële jaar ter insae sal wees vanaf 10 April 2026 tot en met 07 May 2026 by die volgende lokale:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burgersentrum, h/v Mandela en Arras straat</li> <li>Witbank Biblioteek, Hofmeyer straat</li> <li>Lynnville Biblioteek, Hectorweg, Lynnville</li> <li>KwaGuqa Uitbreiding 14 Biblioteek.</li> <li>Klipfontein Biblioteek</li> <li>Ogies Kantore No.1 Hoofweg (Ou laerskool)</li> <li>Ga-Nala kantore-Hoofweg Quintinstraat</li> <li>Phola betaalpunt</li> <li>Munisipale webtuiste: <a href="http://www.emalahleni.gov.za">www.emalahleni.gov.za</a></li> </ol> <p>Kontak Persoon: N. Mtshabe/ M.P. Maphutha Telefoonnommer: 013-690 673 /013-690 6543</p> <p>Kommentaar kan gestuur word na Posbus 3, eMalahleni, 1035 of afgelewer word by die kantoor van die Munisipale Bestuurder, 2de Vloer. Kommentaar mag ook op die munisipale webtuiste <a href="http://www.emalahleni.gov.za">www.emalahleni.gov.za</a> gemaak word voor of op 7 Mei 2026</p>	<p>Tsebiso e a begwa go ya ka karolo yabo 29(1) ya mola o la lenaneo la Masepala la 2000 (Municipal Systems Act (2000) gore ngwalo nthla (draft) ya thlakanelo, thlabologo le peakano ya Masepala (IDP), 2026/2027. Masepala wa selegae wa eMalahleni nea setshaba sebaka go tliša dikakanyo tsa bona mabapi le tokomane e; go tloga ka di 10 Kwedi ya April 2026 go fihla ka di 07 May 2026. Tokomane e hwetswa mafelong a latelago ka nako ya mosomo</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civic Centre, Cnr. Mandela Street &amp; Arras Street</li> <li>Witbank Library, Hofmeyer Street.</li> <li>Lynnville Library, Hector Way</li> <li>KwaGuqa extension 14 Library</li> <li>Klipfontein Library</li> <li>Ogies Office-No.1 Main Road (old Primary School)</li> <li>Ga-Nala office-Quinten Street</li> <li>Phola Municipal Office</li> <li>Municipal website: <a href="http://www.emalahleni.gov.za">www.emalahleni.gov.za</a></li> </ol> <p>Mokgokaganyi: N. Mtshabe/ M.P. Maphutha Mogala: 013-690 6731 / 013690-6543</p> <p>Dikakanyo di ka romelwa go P.O. Box 3, Witbank, 1035, goba tša, tliša ofising ya molaodi mogolo wa masepala lebatong la bobedi. Dikakanyo gape di ka lebishwa go kgokagano-leago ye, <a href="http://www.emalahleni.gov.za">www.emalahleni.gov.za</a> go fihla ka di 07 May 2026</p>	<p>Niyaziswa ngomthetho we setion 29(1) ye Municipal Systems Act (2000) ngokubuyekwezwa ngonyaka kwe 2026/2027 Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) yomyango kamasipala wase Malahleni ezokhishelwa umphakathi ukuba ufake imibono ngalolu hlelo lwe draft IDP, kusukela 10/04/2026 kuya 07/05/2026, kulezindawo:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civic Centre, Cnr. Mandela Street &amp; Arras Street</li> <li>Witbank Library, Hofmeyer Street.</li> <li>Lynnville Library, Hector Way</li> <li>KwaGuqa extension 14 Library</li> <li>Klipfontein Library</li> <li>Ogies Office-No.1 Main Road (old Primary School)</li> <li>Ga-Nala office-Quinten Street</li> <li>Phola Municipal Office</li> <li>Municipal website: <a href="http://www.emalahleni.gov.za">www.emalahleni.gov.za</a></li> </ol> <p>Ningaxhumana no N. Mtshabe/ M.P. Maphutha Kwinombolo: 013- 690 6731/ 013-690 6543</p> <p>Imibono ingathumelwa ngeposi ku P.O. Box 3, Witbank, 1035 noma Ingaletswa e hofisi lika Municipal Manager, 2nd Floor, Civic Centre. Imibono okanye imibuzo ingathunyelwa ekhansini lokuxhumana ku <a href="http://www.emalahleni.gov.za">www.emalahleni.gov.za</a> ungakafiki umhla ka 07/05/ 2026</p>

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# ISIKO LETHU

# Our Story

WITH SIPHO MAHAMBHA

## AMANDEBELE WANGEKAPA

Ihlangano yabafundi bamaNdebele sele inomnyaka ikhona, kuyihlangano ebuthelala boke abafundi bangekhaya, begodu ithuthukisa ilwazi ngesikhethu esifundeni sangeTjhingalanga Kapa. iNdebele Students Society (NSS) enzinze ngejunivesithi

yangeTjhingalanga Kapa yenza ezikarisako ekujameleni nokuthuthukisa iskhethu enarheni ekude nekhaya. Abafundi bamaNdebele, badane khulu ukufumana bonyana inengi labafundi nabahlali bangengeKapa abazi litho ngelimi nangesiko pilo lesiNdebele. Abafundaba akhange bayeqisele amehlo indaba le, bahlangana ngehloso yokusungula ihlangano yokuyelelisa abantu ngelimi nangesiko pilo labo ukuze nabo bakwazi ukuzikhakhazisa ngesikhethu. Lokhu bakwazile

ukukufeza ngesekelo ebaphawule ivela ngekhetu, KwaNdebele. Isikelo leli livela hlangana namalunga womphakathi, iihlangano, amarhwebo, kanye namakhosi. Ngaphambilini bekubudisi ukufunda endaweni lapho unganabo abantu bakwenu khona. Kwanjesi kutjhugulukile lokho njengombana abafundaba sebahthelene, baba neminyanya ebahlanganisako, babuye bayabelane imibono yokusekelana eemfundweni zabo basije baraga iskhethu ngakelinye ihlangothi. Ilunga lehlangothi liphawule ngokuthi "kulithabo

elikhulu khulu ukwazi bonyana ayisimi ngedwa iNdebele kude kangaka, lokho kuyakwakh emoyeni". Hlangana nokunengi ebakufeze emnyakeni ogadungileko, ihlangano le izibetha isifuba ngebathome ngakho emnyakeni lo. Bavule umnyaka ka2026 ngomhlangano omkhulu lapho bathule khona umsebenzi omuhle khulu womdlalo ebawubiza ngeN30 (Ndebele 30 Seconds). Umdlalo lo uthethelwe emdlalweni owaziwa njenge '30 Seconds', bakha wabo ngamagama wesiNdebele, bawugadanga njenge app, okwazi ukuwudlala

ngomaliledinini nofana ngenqondo mtjhini. Lokhu bakuveza bonyana iindlela zokuthuthukisa isiNdebele kufuze zinabiswe bezikhambelane nendlela zokwenza malanga la, kufuze kusungulwe iindlela ezitjha zokuthengisa isikhethu. Ngomnyaka owdwa ihlangano le sele ikhona, iyazikhakhazisa ngalokhu esele bakwazile ukukufeza begodu nokurhatjha ilwazi ngesiNdebele kabanengi ebegade bangazi litho, ejunivesithi yangeTjhingalanga Kapa. **Umtloli (Sophie Tjhoba) Umhlaziyi (Ngemani S'busiso Mahlangu)**



### ISAZISO: INQUBO YOKUVUSELELA ILAYISENSE YOKUSETSHENZISWA KWAMANZI.

Ngokuhambisana nezidingo ze-sicelo selayisense yokusetshenziswa kwamanzi kanye neSikhalo soMthethonqubo, 2017 (WULAA Mthetho nqubo) njengoba kumenyezwe ngaphansi koMthetho Kazwelonke Wezamanzi, 1998 (uMthetho Wama- 36 ka-1998) njengoba uguquliwe, isaziso sinikezwa lapha ngesicelo sokuvuselelwa kwelayisense yokusebenzisa amanzi. Okuzoba ngaphansi kwenqubo yokubamba iqhaza komphakathi.

**Umfakisicelo:** Tshedza Mining Resources (Pty) Ltd

**Izicelo:**

- Ilayisense Yokusetshenziswa Kwamanzi (i-WUL) ngokuhambisana noMthetho Kazwelonke Wezamanzi (i-NWA- Umthetho 36 ka-1998) - Imisebenzi efakwe ohlwini: o Isigaba 21: (a), (c), (g), (i), no-(j). Imisebenzi eyengeziwe efakwe ohlwini kanye / noma ukusetshenziswa kwamanzi kungakhonjwa ngesikhathi senqubo.

**Indawo:** Iphrojekthi ehlongozwayo itholakala ku: Ipulazi Weilaagte 271 IR, Izingxenywe 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, no-12; kanye nepulazi Welgevonden 272 IR, Izingxenywe 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, no-19, kuMasipala Wendawo waseVictor Khanye, esifundazweni saseMpumalanga, eNingizimu Afrika. Le ndawo itholakala cishe ngamakhilomitha angama-60 eningizimuntshonalanga yeWitbank, ~ 10 km eningizimu yeDelmas kanye ne- ~ 16 km enyathontshonalanga yeDevon. Iphuzu eliphakathi nendawo liyi-26° 14'54.45 "S 28° 41'24.79" E.

**Umsebenzi:** Umfakisicelo uhlela ukwandisa indawo yemayini ngaphakathi komngcele okhona welungelo lezimayini. Umfakisicelo uphakamisa ukwandisa imisebenzi yemayini evulekile eManungu Colliery, esebenzisa izindlela zezimayini ezingaphansi komhlaba kwezinye izingxenywe ezahlu kahlukeni zamapulazi i-Weilaagte 271 IR ne-Welgevonden 272 IR. Imisebenzi emisha yemayini ehlongozwayo izodinga ukusungulwa kwengqalazisinda eyengeziwe kufaka phakathi amadamu okulawula ukungcola (PCD), imigwaqo yangaphakathi yokudonsa, izinqolobane, njalo njalo. Ngaphezu kwalokho, indawo yamanje yekampu losonkontileka izodinga ukusuka esikhathini esizayo ukuze kumbiwe izinsiza ngaphansi kwendawo yekampu yamanje. Kuphakanyiswe futhi ukusungula indawo yokucubungula amalahlle (isitshalo sokuwasha) ukugeza amalahlle e-Run of Mine (RoM). Isicelo esisha se-WUL sidinga ukuchitshiyelwa kwe-WUL ka-2022.

Uyamenywa ukuthi ubhalise futhi ubeke amazwana ngephrojekthi ehlongozwayo kanye nesicelo Sicela uqaphele ukuthi ama-I & AP abhalisiwe kuphela azokwaziswa ngolwazi lwephrojekthi yesikhathi esizayo kanye namathuba okubamba iqhaza. Ngokubhalisa njengeqembu elinentshisekelo nelithintekayo uyavuma ukuqoqwa nokucutshungulwa kwemininingwane yakho yomuntu siqu ngokwesaziso sobumfihlo se-EIMS esitholakala ku- [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation). Ukuze ugweme ukuphuthelwa amathuba okubamba iqhaza komphakathi sicela uthumele ukubhaliswa kwe-I & AP, noma yimiphi imibuzo, amazwana, noma ukukhathazeka maqondana nalesi sicelo, ngokushesha ngangokunokwenzeka ku-EIMS ku: Umuntu oxhumana naye: Mbali Tshabalala

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Sicela ufake inombolo yereferensi yephrojekthi 1695 kuzo zonke izincwadi. Imininingwane eyengeziwe izotholakala ku- [www.eims.co.za/public-participation/](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation/). Sicela uqaphele ukuthi uma ungakwazi ukufinyelela iwebhusayithi ngenxa yezingqinamba zedatha, sicela uxhumane ne-EIMS ukuze uthole amanye amalungiselelo.



### NOTIFICATION: WATER USE LICENCE AMENDMENT APPLICATION PROCESS.

In accordance with the requirements of the Water Use Licence Application and Appeals Regulation, 2017 (WULAA Regulations) as promulgated under the National Water Act, 1998 (Act NO. 36 of 1998) as amended, notice is herewith given of the application for the renewal of the water use licence. which will be subjected to a public participation process.

**Applicant:** Tshedza Mining Resources (Pty) Ltd

**Application/s:**

- Water Use Licence (WUL) in accordance with the National Water Act (NWA- Act 36 of 1998) - Listed activities.
  - Section 21: (a), (c), (g), (i), and (j).
 Additional listed activities and/or water uses may be identified during the process.

**Location:** The proposed project is located on: Farm Weilaagte 271 IR, Portions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12; and Farm Welgevonden 272 IR, Portions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, and 19, in the Victor Khanye Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa. The site is situated approximately 60 km southwest of Witbank, ~10 km south of Delmas and ~16 km north-west of Devon. The centre point of the site is 26°14'54.45"S 28°41'24.79"E.

**Activity:** The applicant is planning to extend the mining area within the existing mining right boundary. The Applicant is proposing to expand the open cast mining operations at the Manungu Colliery, using the roll-over and underground mining methods, onto various other portions of the farms Weilaagte 271 IR and Welgevonden 272 IR. The proposed new mining operations will necessitate additional infrastructure establishment including Pollution Control Dams (PCD), internal haul roads, stockpiles, etc. Furthermore, the current contractors camp area would require relocation at a later stage in order to mine the resource below the current camp area. It is also proposed to establish a coal processing plant (wash plant) to decontaminate the Run of Mine (RoM) coal. A new WUL application needs to be undertaken for the amendment of the 2022 WUL.

You are hereby invited to register and comment on the proposed project and application Please note that only registered I&AP's will be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation. By registering as an interested and affected party you consent to the collection and processing of your personal information as per the EIMS Privacy Notice available at [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation). In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to this application, as soon as possible to EIMS at:

Contact Person: Mbali Tshabalala  
EIMS Reference Number: 1695  
Postal Address: P.O. Box 2083; Pinegowrie; 2123  
Telephone: (011) 789 7170  
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E-mail: [manunguwul@eims.co.za](mailto:manunguwul@eims.co.za)

Please include the project reference number 1695 in all correspondence. Further information will be available at [www.eims.co.za/public-participation/](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation/). Please note that in the event that you are unable to access the website due to data constraints please contact EIMS for alternative arrangements.



# Mpumalanga SAPS receives 128 vehicles worth R101 million



● LUCAS SHONGWE

**MIDDELBURG** — A total of 128 police vehicles have been handed over to various police stations across the province by the Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison (DCSSL).

During a handover event held at the Sydney Choma Banquet Hall in Middelburg on Wednesday, 01 April 2026, Community Safety MEC Jackie Macie said the vehicles, valued at R101 million, will serve as a critical resource in the fight against crime and increase police visibility during the Easter season operations and beyond.

A total of 96 bakkies will be allocated across the province's three districts, with each district receiving 32 vehicles, while 28 vehicles will be assigned to the crime investigation (detectives) division.

Beyond the handover, toys, storybooks and colouring pencils were among items donated to a Victim Friendly Facility (VFF) in Middelburg. An additional four unmarked vehicles, reflectors, torches, water coolers and air conditioners were handed over to members of the Community Policing Forum (CPF).

The handover follows a Crime Imbizo held on 21 March 2026 in Mhluzi.

Speaking to the *Highveld Chronicle*, Macie said the vehicles form part of a response to concerns raised during community engagements.

“We are responding to the outcries of the communities because when we conducted community outreaches or izimbizo, they consistently raised concerns that the police are not responding efficiently due to a lack of resources, with vehicles being one of them,” he said.

He added that the increase in vehicles is expected to improve response times.

“We expect them to respond in less than 30 minutes to reported incidents within their respective policing areas,” he said. “We also call on the community to work with the police to safeguard these resources.”

The newly allocated vehicles add to the 1 830 vehicles currently registered under SAPS in the province, with 653 reported to have exceeded 300 000 kilometres.

Provincial SAPS Acting Commissioner, Major General (Dr) Zeph Mkhwanazi, warned against the misuse of state resources. “They [vehicles] are instruments for crime prevention, crime investigation and essential service delivery. We will not accept

a culture in which the very resources intended to protect our communities are misused for personal gain,” he said.

“We do not want to hear of SAPS vehicles being handed over today only to be involved in accidents where such vehicles are damaged beyond repair. This is not merely negligence; it is a failure of duty that we cannot tolerate.”



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA  
MPUMALANGA DIVISION, MIDDELBURG [LOCAL SEAT]**

**AUCTION  
NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION**

Case No: 2400/2023  
In the matter between:

**FIRSTSTRAND MORTGAGE COMPANY (RF) LIMITED**  
(REGISTRATION NO: 2015/042866/07) Plaintiff

and

**ZURK JANSSEN**  
(ID: 700309 5033 08 7) Defendant

In execution of a judgment of the High Court of South Africa, Mpumalanga Division, Middelburg [Local Seat], in the abovementioned suit, a sale with a **Court reserve price of R515 027-83**, will be held by the **SHERIFF OF THE HIGH COURT VICTOR KHANYE** at **63 RENNIE AVENUE, SUNDRA, VICTOR KHANYE** on **WEDNESDAY** the **29<sup>th</sup> of APRIL 2026** at **11:00** of the undermentioned property of the Defendant subject to the conditions of sale which are available for inspection at the offices of the **SHERIFF VICTOR KHANYE** during office hours.

**CERTAIN:** ERF 419 ELOFF TOWNSHIP  
REGISTRATION DIVISION I.R., MPUMALANGA PROVINCE  
MEASURING 1376 [One Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Six] Square Metres

**DEED OF TRANSFER:** T1946/2022  
**SITUATE AT:** 419 The Avenue Street, Eloff, Delmas

**IMPROVEMENTS - (Not guaranteed):** A residential dwelling consisting of:

**House:** Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 x Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Car Port, Tile Roof and Precast Perimeter walls.

**Flat:** A bedroom, bathroom and Kitchen.

The information given regarding the improvements on the property and details regarding the number and nature of rooms within the property is not guaranteed. Neither the Execution Creditor nor the Sheriff shall be held liable for any inaccurate information pertaining to the property where access to the property was, for whatever reason, limited or impossible.

**TERMS:**  
The Sale in Execution is conducted in accordance to the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008 as Amended, in pursuant of an order granted against the Defendants for money owing to the plaintiff.

The Auction will be conducted by the Sheriff, or his / her Deputy to the highest bidder with a reserve price set at **R515 027-83.00**.

Conditions of sale can be inspected at **63 RENNIE AVENUE, SUNDRA, VICTOR KHANYE**, 24 hours prior to the auction.

All bidders are required to present their Identity Document together with their proof of residence for FICA compliance.

All bidders are required to represent their identity document together with their FICA documents to the Sheriff.

All bidders are required to an amount to be determined by the Sheriff that is refundable as registration fee prior to commencement of the auction to obtain a buyer's card.

The Purchaser shall pay to the Sheriff a deposit of 10% of the purchase price in cash or bank guaranteed cheque on the day of sale.

The balance shall be paid against transfer and shall be secured by a guarantee issued by a financial institution approved by the execution creditor or his /her attorney, and shall be furnished to the sheriff within 21 days after the sale.

The property may be taken possession of after signature of the conditions of sale, payment of the deposit and upon the balance of the price being secured in terms of condition 4.

Should the purchaser receive possession of the property, the purchaser shall be liable for occupational rental at the rate of 1% per month on the purchase price.

SIGNED at PRETORIA on this the 3<sup>RD</sup> day of MARCH 2026.

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**LOST OR DESTROYED DEED**

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Regulation 68 of the Deeds Registries Act 1937 of the intention to apply for the issue of a certified copy of the Deed of Transfer **T 119601/2003** passed by **STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY** in favour of **ZWELIBANZI CRISWELL SHABANGU AND HILDAH FIKILE SHABANGU (ID NO : 6 2 1 1 2 2 5 3 6 0 8 7 & 6 7 0 4 2 9 0 2 8 1 0 8 9)** Married in respect of **ERF 1864 MHLUZI TOWNSHIP**, Registration Division J.S. Mpumalanga Province which has been lost or destroyed.

All persons having objections to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds Mpumalanga at Mbombela within two weeks after the date of the publication of this notice.

**Enquiries:**  
**SHUMANI MAGAU**  
**ATTORNEYS.**  
**32 BELLS STREET OFFICE**  
**P1-209 MBOMBELA.**  
**CELL: 079 353 3134.**

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (BASIC ASSESSMENT) FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF FILLING STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT KWAMHLANGA ON PORTION OF THE FARM KWAMHLANGA 617 JR IN THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WITHIN NKANGALA DISTRICT IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.**

Notice is hereby given in terms of regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations (2014) published in Government Notice No. R982 of 04 December 2014 published under section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended of the intent to undertake Basic Environmental Impact Assessment for the following proposed activity:

**NATURE OF THE ACTIVITY:** Msindo Property Investments (Pty) Ltd has lodged an application for Proposed Development of Filling Station in kwamhlanga Mpumalanga Province.

LEGISLATION	REGULATION	LISTED ACTIVITY
National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)	Government Notices R.327 of EIA Regulations	Listing Notice 1, Activity 14

**LOCATION:** Proposed Development for Filling Station activities will be undertaken on Portion of farm Kwamahlanga 617 JR IN Kwamhlanga within Thembeisile Hani Local Municipality in Mpumalanga province.  
**Coordinates :**28°42'44."E , 25°25'51.07"S (Erf 477)

**APPLICANT:** Msindo Property Investments

**REGISTRATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES:** All Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) are hereby invited to register and/ or comment on the proposed application. A 30-calendar day registration period for Interested & Affected Parties is open. Please submit your details and comments in writing to the contact details provided below. To register or comment please provide your name and contact details (postal address as well as preferred method of communication, e.g. email, fax, post, etc.).

**NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT AND CONTACT DETAILS**  
**NAME OF CONSULTANT: HLAMIZ ENVIRO CONSULTING**

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# Thato Mathunyane on a mission to revive his father's vision for sports development

● LUCAS SHONGWE

**MIDDELBURG** — Thato Mathunyane, the former Speaker of the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, is on a mission to bring his late father Schoolboy Mathunyane's vision to life by promoting sports development. In addition to his role as secretary of the Middelburg and Hendrina Residents Front (MHRF), Mathunyane serves as chairperson of a local football club, Doornkop All Blacks, based in the rural Doornkop

area just outside Middelburg. Established in 2025, the All Blacks are officially recognised by the Local Football Association (LFA) and have three divisions: under-19 boys, ladies' football and a promotion division, which is currently leading the LFA league with ambitions of progressing to the SAB League next season. Speaking to *Highveld Sports*, Mathunyane

expressed his commitment to realising his father's dream, honouring the legacy of a man who was not only a devoted teacher but also a passionate athlete, coach and trainer. Schoolboy also translated the book *Animal Farm* into Sepedi. In May last year, the Mathunyane family relaunched the Schoolboy Mathunyane School Sports Tournament, where local schools compete across different sporting codes. Mathunyane reflected on

his late father's long-held dream of establishing a football team. "It was always the dream of the late Schoolboy Mathunyane, may he rest in peace, to bring this vision to life, and I am proud to see that dream realised. This initiative builds on the original Schoolboy Mathunyane tournament, which included nearly all secondary schools in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality," he said. He emphasised that promoting sports development in Doornkop is

essential for improving the well-being and quality of life of both the youth and the broader community. "The management at All Blacks extends heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support from the Doornkop Communal Property Association, as well as the parents of all the players and schools such as Batlagae and Mkhulu for their dedication to uplifting the Doornkop community," he added.



Doornkop All Blacks management and players pose for a photo before a game in Doornkop

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