
PRESS STATEMENT

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150 MILLION RANDS TARGETED FOR SMALL LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS

Local community small-medium enterprise owners in Ba-Phalaborwa region, have something to look forward to as the local mining company, Palabora Copper, has allocated R150 million to spend through its local-to-site preferential procurement process, also known as set-aside. The rationale of this transformation initiative is to increase the number of suppliers to Palabora, who are from the previously disadvantaged communities. According to Hulisani Nemaxwi, Corporate Affairs Manager at Palabora, "this is a step in the right direction, and it's an indication that the community engagements with the company continues to yield positive results, albeit the challenges."

In October 2015, Palabora presented to the Business Committee Forum composed of various stakeholders from Makhushane, Mashishimale, Maseke, Majeje, Lulekani, Selwane and Namakgale that R150 million has been set aside with the aim to stimulate growth and creating employment opportunities in the region. This means the organisation has identified procurement opportunities which local people will compete amongst themselves.

According to Nemaxwi, Palabora has seen an increased number of local entrepreneurs doing business with the company since the Chinese owners took over the business in August 2013. "Since October 2015 to date, ten local companies were awarded various opportunities. We are certain that this trend will continue. Between the period of 2014-January 2016 over 30 new local companies started doing business with Palabora.

"We encourage local community members interested in doing business with us to keep an eye on the local Herald newspaper for these opportunities. As a company we are very committed to seeing Ba-Phalaborwa growing and people benefiting from the opportunities."

"We congratulate these small companies that have been awarded opportunities and encourage them to apply the best safety and quality delivery standards at all times," Nemaxwi enthused.

Concluding he said, with the support of the local community and the leaders of various structures, we are certain that despite the current tough economic situation, Palabora can weather the storm and continue to do more for the community.



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List of companies recently awarded work

| TYPE OF WORK | NAME OF COMPANY | NAME OF OWNERS | AREA THEY COME FROM |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Labour Hire | Vexo Vax | Five tribal authorities | Ba-Phalaborwa |
| Cleaning chemicals & Office consumables | Gasjen cc | Freddy Madala | Phalorwa |
| Beverages | Akani 87 (Pty) Ltd | Kedibone Catharine Seemela | Makhushane |
| Bolts & Nuts | Noyongo Development | Daniel Mathebula | Maseke |
| Paper Products | Bowa | Joshua Mathebula | Phalorwa |
| | Shrirute IT Solution | Rhulani Shilubane | Lulekane |
| | Virobatch | Chris Mandhlazi | Majeje |
| Vehicle Spares | Equisale 51 CC | Evans Lepedi | Namakgale |
| | Refilwe Thabo Trading | Refilwe Malatji | Selwane |

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