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Anglo American Platinum Mine Amandelbult Complex through its community development trust, Dikuno Tsa Sechaba is building a modern school for the community of Maologane village to the tune of R20m.

Speaking during the sod turning event held at Maologane Community Hall, the Chairperson of Dikuno Tsa Sechaba Community Development Trust, Mosimanegape Moleme said they have developed two sets of school drawings: one is a school plan depicting a complete school structure to be used for future developments, the second shows only the portions that they are currently building.

He said the budgeted R20m is not enough to build the whole school; it will cater only for two blocks- each with four classrooms, an administration block, a science laboratory and ablution facilities for learners and staff members.

Other additions include a water storage and reticulation facility, a parameter fence, a guard house, parking, paving and landscaping.



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Kgosi Pilane pictured with Ramotshodi learners and Mr Moleme (right of Kgosi) and Ms Mokhutle (red top) at the sod turning ceremony

Note of BBKDW-npc Relocation

The Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela community is hereby notified of the recent relocation of the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Development and Welfare Non-profit Company (BBKDW npc).

The exodus took place in January 2017 from the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Traditional Authority Head Office in Makresteng Section to the Old Nurses' Home (Tharabollo) facilities, a stone-throw south west of the old George Stegman Hospital.

The following units currently operate from the new location:

- Communications;
- Agriculture;
- Health and Social Services;
- Education;
- Finance;
- Human Resources; and
- Local Economic Development.

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The newly refurbished Old Nurses' Home (Tharabollo) premises

Bakgatla Women Petition Premier

Lucky Pitse and Pule Mokgele

About 100 women from Moruleng delivered a petition to Premier Supra Mahumapelo of the North West Province in Mahikeng. The petition was aimed at stopping the perceived bias involvement of the Premier in the affairs of Bogosi of the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela community in Moruleng. The march to the Office of the Premier was led by Rakgadi Ntshadi Tsheole and other Royal Aunts from the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Royal Council on January 14th.

The petition was accepted by chief of staff of the provincial

Department of Arts, Culture and Traditional Affairs, Mr Thabo Kaweng, on behalf of the then absent Premier.

The drawing and delivery of the petition stemmed from reports that the Premier intended to appoint an administrator, whose responsibility was to manage Bakgatla affairs. A Commission of Enquiry established by Premier Mahumapelo to probe succession conflict within Bakgatla Bogosi, continues at the Rustenburg Civic Centre.

Summing up the purpose of

the petition, Rakgadi Ntshadi said: "We, the Royal Aunts and bona fide women of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela community, reject any attempt by the Premier and the government for seeking to impose Kgafela Kgafela II on the traditional community of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela in Moruleng."

Following below is the petition as handed over and accepted by Rakgadi Ntshadi and Mr Kaweng respectively in the province's capital:



BBK Royal Council Member, Rakgadi Ntshadi Tsheole handing over a petition to COGTA Official Thabo Kaweng

PETITION TO THE PREMIER BY THE ROYAL AUNTS BAKGATLA-BA-KGAFELA MORULENG

1. We, the Royal Aunts representing the senior Pilane families in Moruleng, namely Kgamanyane, Tshomankane and Mantirisi; the women who are members of Bakgatla Ba Kgafela Traditional Council and other women who are bonafide members of Morafe, have over the years been observing with great pain the challenges, and the conflicts that have engulfed Bogosi of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela in Moruleng, North West Province. We have further observed, over the recent past a sustained campaign by some individuals within the community, to frustrate efforts by our families to find amicable solutions to these challenges (e.g. Peacanwood Resolutions -2012). In particular, this campaign has been orchestrated and engineered by Kgafela Kgafela, a fugitive and a derecognised Kgosi of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela in Mochudi, Botswana. All of this happened right under the noses of the North West Provincial Government and authorities in South Africa.

2. We are very much awake to the fact that Kgafela Kgafela does not operate alone in his calculated and systematic efforts to destabilise Bogosi of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela in Moruleng and Morafe in particular. We have no doubt that he does this with the support of some individuals in the North-West Provincial Government, in particular, the Office of the Premier. This is very much so because we have it on good authority (unless it can be denied) that the Premier's wife and the wife of Kgafela Kgafela's legal representative, Mr Maponya are sisters.

3. We also are aware that efforts by Mr Maponya to claim the money owed to him by Kgafela Kgafela, from the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Traditional Council in Moruleng, have been fruitless.

4. Furthermore, we have noticed a disturbing negative posture of the Premier towards the Royal Family of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela in Moruleng in respect of engagements.

5. We have further noted with great concern the fact that the Premier has deemed it fit to ignore initiatives by the Royal Family to engage with him. He however, has surprisingly been engaging with Kgafela Kgafela and some of his supporters. Interestingly, the Premier has the audacity to make known his intentions, to introduce an administrator to run the affairs of Bakgatla Ba Kgafela based, on the submissions of individuals

working with Kgafela Kgafela without taking into account legal requirements for such unfortunate actions.

6. It is very strange indeed that the Premier could even contemplate such a move while he has established a Judicial Commission of Inquiry to look into Bogosi and the administration of Morafe of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela. Clearly, the Premier is pre-empting the findings and would usurp the functions of the Judicial Commission of inquiry which he has established. These actions bring into question the legal authority and integrity of the Commission as established by the Premier, as well as the latter's bonafides. Is the Premier taking a partisan stance on the issues of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela in South Africa and thus sneak Kgafela Kgafela through the back door? Whose interests is the Premier advancing through this Commission? Is it in the interests of Morafe in Moruleng or Kgafela Kgafela and his cronies? Clearly, we regard these motives as a blatant abuse of power.

7. We are very much conscious of the fact that Kgafela Kgafela wants to have access to the wealth and resources of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela in Moruleng. We are also aware that he has not shied away from telling anyone who cares to listen that the Premier listens to him.

8. We want to remind you premier, that Kgosi Nyalala did not inherit the so called wealth of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela in Moruleng. It was created by Bogosi in the interest of Morafe amidst aggressive opposition by some members. It was through the Pilane ruling family in Moruleng's initiative to add value to the land that Morafe had owned for almost a century without any noticeable value as a resource.

9. We are aware and have observed with great concern the fact that the Premier and the North West Government in particular continue to support Kgafela Kgafela, despite the fact that he has been declared an illegal immigrant by the Office of the Public Protector. It is an open secret that Kgafela Kgafela has fraudulently obtained a South African birth certificate and hopes to acquire permanent residence in South Africa. What interest does the Premier have in this fugitive and his activities? Kgafela Kgafela's self-imposed exile emanates from his disrespect of the constitution of the Republic of Botswana. It is not surprising that the office of the Public Protector has declared him an illegal immigrant after investigation his alleged acquisition of a South African

Identification Number.

Allowing Kgafela Kgafela free movement in the country and in our Province and to further perpetuate his actions by all means necessary is of great concern including serious security threat for our country. If a fugitive like him can be able to violate the protocols and requirements pertaining to application of permanent residence and or citizenship, how many more foreigners have acquired permanent residence by fraudulent means? Why this man with a dubious reputation, an illegal status and being a fugitive from justice has been allowed to participate in a legal forum like a Judicial Commission of inquiry? It's surprising. We regard all of these activities as illegal and unconstitutional.

10. In addition, Kgafela Kgafela's supporters have no interest in the positive reputation of the ruling party in South Africa because most of them are anti-revolutionaries opposed to rural development which is a primary agenda of the government. These are the same people who initially accused Kgosi NMJ Pilane, of supporting the ruling party with the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela's money. Now because they know of Kgafela Kgafela's link through his mother to highly placed political families, they are acting in his support. How does the Premier know that these very people who are unpatriotic opportunists could later use the illegal presence of Kgafela Kgafela in South Africa to prop up oppositions to the government by illegal means.

11. Having made these disturbing observations we now therefore state hereunder that:

11.1 We, the Royal Aunts, have remained silent for far too long. We are also convinced that our government has the confidence and the interests of our institution of Bogosi and Morafe, which enjoy constitutional protection at heart. We therefore believe that your actions are not only an attack on our institution but an insult to our ancestors including the Constitution they lost their lives for.

11.2 We never knew that the day will come when our own government will be in cahoots with foreign nationals to the detriment of its citizens and our democracy. Yet, the same intervention could not be accorded the jailed Inkosi Dalinjebo. We

will not remain silent anymore. We have resolved that we will also bring this matter about the conduct of the premier, to the attention of the Secretary General of the African National Congress.

11.3 We the Royal Aunts and bonafide women of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela reject with the contempt it deserves, any attempt by the Premier and the government to seek to impose Kgafela Kgafela on the Traditional Community of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela in Moruleng, South Africa as well as appointing an administrator for them.

11.4 We reject any attempt by Kgafela Kgafela to seek access to the wealth and resources of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela across all the 32 villages of Morafe, and expatriate this wealth to a foreign country.

11.5 We call upon the Premier to desist from any further engagements with Kgafela Kgafela in respect of Bogosi and or the administration of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela.

11.6 We have observed with discontent that the office of the Premier has never issued any audited financial report of the so called D-Account since taking office and even before. As though that was not enough, no payment of sitting allowances has ever been made to all Traditional Councillors of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela since their inauguration in 2015. Does this show support for Bogosi and Kgosi?

11.7 We reject any attempt by the Premier to usurp the powers of the Judicial Commission by attempting to impose an Administrator based on inconclusive and untested evidence presented at the Commission. Doesn't the Premier have confidence in his Judicial Commission of Inquiry? Surely, the Premier by his own actions is bringing into question the authority and the integrity of the Commission including its Commissioners.

(a) You Premier Obakeng Ramoetsi Supra Mahumapelo, came and delivered the Mafereka Commission report yourself, on the 17th December 2015.

(b) You pretended to understand the North West Traditional Leadership and Governance Act No.2 of 2005 and the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act No.4 of 2003 and granted us the opportunity to discuss the document

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NFVF Visits BBKTV

Pule Mokgele

Officials from the National Film and Video Foundation (NFVF) visited the training facilities of the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Television (BBKTV) on the 14th of March. This visit was conducted alongside an informal farewell meeting between about 80 trainees and the BBKTV management. The BBKTV training programme has been held at the old George Stegman Hospital since its inception in 2013.

In his farewell address, the head of the BBKTV Academy, Mr Phuthego Mojapele described the departing candidates as young Batswana who understand the value of Botho; and he encouraged them to incorporate their cultural identity into their projects.

He cited former President Lucas Mangope of the former Bophuthatswana government on the role that self-affirmation had played in the success of that government. "He said that one of the fundamental keys to the success of Bophuthatswana people was that they had a sense that 're na le borona' (we have our own identity); we know ourselves. And that no foreign tendencies would be implemented whereas we had our own traditional tools," said Mojapele. He concluded by urging them to be prepared to redouble their professional efforts in order to place themselves better for bargaining purposes.

The Head of Marketing and Communications of NFVF, Mr Peter Kwele explained that the NFVF has been sanctioned by national parliament to manage the progress of the national



NFVF's Head of Marketing and Communication, Mr Peter Kwele

filming industry. He and his colleagues explained available funding options at the NFVF to the attending students; and advised them to take advantage of the development-orientated grants.

He also encouraged them to enter their projects into competitions, such as the South African Film and Television Awards (SAFTAs), that would improve their networking exposure. The visitors had arranged for a number of students to participate in broadcasting of 2017 SAFTAs recently held at Sun City. "You will have access to the preparatory process of the event; and you will be able to interact with the organisers

and network with other industry's role players," said Kwele.

An address was also allowed from the Head of the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Traditional Authority, Dr Gill Maleka. His message focused on the spiritual wellbeing of the students and their entrepreneurial ambitions.

Dr Maleka urged the candidates to stop being consumers and to become innovators. "It is disconcerting that Africa has over a billion people, but it has failed to design and manufacture a native car. You must wake up and stop being consumers, but create industrial capacity instead," advised Dr Maleka.



From left: Film Producer Kea Malao; Dr Maleka; NFVF's Communications Coordinator, Ms Neo Moretwe; Mr Mojapele; NFVF's HR Manager, Ms Thobela Mayinja; Mr Kwele; and BBKTV's Technical facilitator Mr Vincent Malapane

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as the Royal Family.

- You then turned around without notifying us, and announced publicly that the report you submitted to us is faulty, and that you intend to appoint the Judiciary Commission of inquiry.

- You did that without communicating with the Royal Family.

- Despite our consistent cooperation with you, you continued to demonstrate with your actions that you undermine the Royal Family.

(c) Before the Judicial Commission of inquiry could complete its mandate, you intend to impose the administrator upon us. We responded and we still await your answer.

Now, whilst awaiting your response, an announcement has been made that the sitting of the Judicial Commission has been put on hold until further notice. We have been closely monitoring your dubious actions with a microscopic eye. We will not allow you to get your way.

11.8 We have therefore resolved and demand the following:

11.8.1 All forms of engagement by the Premier including all levels of government, with Kgafela Kgafela must cease with immediate effect pending finalization of the recommendations by the Judicial Commission of inquiry.

11.8.2 The idea of an administrator by the Premier must be stopped with immediate effect. Legally, only the Royal Family has the power to remove Kgosi and not the other way round.

11.8.3 The Premier should give us reasons why Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela should continue to with being part of the Judicial Commission that the Premier does not respect nor trust.

11.8.4 That a full investigation be instituted against Kgafela Kgafela in respect of his fraudulent activities relating to his birth certificate, permanent residence

application and citizenship.

11.8.5 That a full investigation be instituted against Kgafela Kgafela in respect of his illegal and destabilising activities in Lesetlheng village.

We therefore call upon the Premier to lead by taking a non-partisan stance and reject the activities of these anarchists, including taking all necessary measures within the framework of the law to ensure that Kgafela Kgafela's illegal activities in Lesetlheng are stopped with immediate effect.

Finally, we call upon the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the North West Provincial Government in particular to desist and refrain from aiding Kgafela Kgafela including his supporters from undermining Bogosi of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela in Moruleng by fuelling instability and conflicts within Morafe.

We further urge a response from the Premier within seven working days commencing from the date of receipt of this petition, failing which we shall proceed to the office of the President without any hesitation.

We request that the Premier or his senior representatives receive the petition.

Presented by Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Royal Aunts:

Kgamanyane House

- Rakgadi Ntshadi Tsheole
- Rakgadi Kaekwa Pilane

Tshomankane House

- Rakgadi Madikemo Matlou
- Rakgadi Modiane Pilane

Mantirisi House

- Rakgadi Bontle Tshukudu
- Rakgadi Kgabele Pilane

Public Safety MEC Hails Thuso-Ya-Batho Efforts



From left: MEC Motlhabane, Kgosana Huma, Mr David Dibatane (BBKTC Community Safety Portfolio Committee), Mme Masuku, and Ms Ivy Modise (BBKTC Community Safety Portfolio Committee)

Pule Mokgele

Thuso-Ya-Batho Anti-Crime Organisation has been hailed as exemplary by the North West Province's MEC for Community Safety and Road Management, Dr Mokgantshang Motlhabane. The MEC visited the premises of the organisation at Segakwaneng, on the 24th of March. Members of the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Traditional Council (BBKTC)'s Portfolio Committee on Community Safety also attended the event alongside the celebrated Kgatleng Icon, Mme Grace Masuku.

MEC Motlhabane commended the organisation's management for their voluntary efforts. "You had not sat on your hands, expecting the government to spoon-feed you; nor have you exploded into destructive protest. You saw the importance of the work you do; and such efforts deserve assistance from the government," began the MEC. He compared the founder of Thuso-Ya-Batho, founder and former-inmate, Mr Johannes Matjila, to Paul of Tarsus (the biblical character formerly known as Saul). The MEC said in spite of his criminal past, God chose Matjila for purposes of bringing services to the Kgatleng community.

He added that the anti-crime and employment objectives of the organisation are in line with those of the National Development Plan. He advocated for closer cooperation between Thuso-Ya-Batho and the local security forces. "Measures to connect this organisation with the local police force are necessary to ensure a swifter response from the police; maybe then we will put an end to the rape and abuse perpetrated

on our women and children," said MEC Motlhabane.

Matjila concurred with the MEC on the importance of being proactive. "The government has always supported us. We need to realise, however, that if we sit on our hands, playing cards and dice under trees all day, government will not be able to see us. But if we make things happen, the government will come close and participate in our efforts," advised Matjila.

He also lauded Mme Masuku for accepting him after his prison stint. "Soon after my release from prison, the members of the community feared me. Mme Masuku was one of the first few people to give me the benefit of the doubt. She also encouraged me and gave me fortitude to build what is here today," concluded Matjila.

Mme Masuku told the attendants that the dream of Bakgatla community is to acquire land to manufacture fresh agricultural products. She said the impediment to that dream lies in the lack of self-knowledge that she maintains plagues the local youth. "In our efforts of self-development, we realised that the youth does not know itself. That is why I intend to register a foundation to deal with these troubles. We are going to separate the boys and girls and instil in them knowledge of how to carry themselves with dignity," stated Mme Masuku. She concluded that those lessons would be the inheritance that the current youth should pass on to their younger siblings; and they would all be people of high value.

Thupelelo ya Dingaka tsa Setso mo Kgatleng

Tshireletso Malapile

Maitlhomong magolo a mokgatlo wa tsamaiso le merero ya dingaka tsa setso mono Aforika Borwa, o o bidiwang Traditional Healers' Organisation, ke go tlhokomela le go netefatsa gore dingaka tsa setso di nale thupelelo e e maleba go thusa morafe. Fa Ferikgong a tlhola malatsi ale some-a-mabedi le bo supa (27), maloko a mokgatlo ono a ne a kokoana kwa ntlolohalaleng ya kwa Kgatlakgolo go rupelelwa ka mekgwa eo ba tshwanetseng go thusa setshaba ka one le go nwa makwalo a kalogo morago ga go 'thwasa'.

Fa a bua kwa kopanong eno, Nkoko Meiki Masuku, yo eleng leloko la maaloba la khansela ya bogosi ba Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela mo Moruleng, ebile e le moitseanepe wa tsa merero ya setso, o ne a gakolola batsenelapitso gore bongaka ke pitso, ga bo na boitlhophele. "Le tshwanetse go amogela, go tlotla, go somarela, le go rata neo e Modimo le Badimo ba lona ba le fileng yona e! Fa le itebeletse le nneng motlotlo ka tsela e Modimo le Badimo ba le tlhopetseng yone gonne ke tiro e e masisi thata, eo e kase kgonweng ke mang le mang. Ke bua jaana ka gore bothale le matla a go phedisa le go phelela balwetse le di tsaya mo Modimong le Badimo ba lona, ba e leng bone ba le tlhopileng mo gare ga dimelione tsa batho."

O tswelotse ka go kgalemela bao ba setseng ba alogile gore le fa a ba rotloetsa gore ba rate bongaka ba bona le go ipela ka bona, ga a reye gore ba nne le makoko; "ga gona selo se ke se tlhoileng yaaka ngaka e e ikgantshetsang batho ka bongaka ba yona. Ikokobeletseng neo e ya lona gore letle le kgone go dira tiro e le e neilweng e. Modimo le Badimo ba nale matla a go dira le go dirolola, ka moo, se batleng go dira dilo tseo ka moso le tlaabeng le ikotlhaela tsona".

Dingwe tsa ditlhogo tse batsenelapitso ba neng ba rupelelwa ka tsona di akaretse tlhaloso le kalafi ya malwetse a a farologaneng jaaka kankere, kgatelelo ya madi,



Maloko mangwe a a neng a tsenetse thupelelo

bolwetse ba sukiri, malwetse a a fetisiwang ke tlhobalano, thibelapelegi, malwetse a setso, malwetse a bana, jalo le jalo.

Mme Thandi Chaume, yo eneng ele sebui segolo sa letsatsi, o ne a neela dialogane makwalo a kalogo mme a ba rotloetsa gore ba itse gore seno ke sesupo sa gore ba filwe tetla ya go tlhatlhoba le go fodisa setshaba. "Makwalo ano a kaya gore ke nnete le siametse go thusa batho, mme seno ga se reye gore le itse tsoitlhe. Le tshwanetse go kopana gangwe le gape le dingaka tse dingwe mo dikopanong di

tshwana le tse gore le ikoketseng bothale. Motho ke motho ka batho ba bangwe, sereng ga le fetsa fano ebe ele ga le kgaogane le ba bangwe. Mokgatlo wa THO o diretswe go le sireletsa le go le emellela, fela le tshwanetse go tsamaya ka fa le rutilweng ka teng gore mokgatlo otle o kgone go nna ka fa le tlhakoreng la lona," o buile jalo Chaume. O ne a garela ka go lebogela matsapa ao kgatlakgolo le barulaganyi ba kopano ba a tsayang ka metlha le matsatsi go netefatsa gore dikopano tsa mothale o di a atlega.

R510 e Rapellwa go Fedisa Dikotsi



Morena Thari Pilane fa a ne a bua kwa tselong thapelo kwa ntlolohalaleng ya Sandfontein mo boemong ba lelapa la Bogosi

Lucky Pitse

Ba ditirelo tsa pharakano, sepodisi, pholo, botsamaisi ba Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela, dikereke le mekgatlo ya baagi go tswa mo diporofenseng tsa Bokone Bophirima le Limpopo ba ne mo kgweding ya Tlhakole ba tshwara tirelo thapelo go kopa Modimo go fedisa dikotsi le dintsho mo tseleng ya R510.

Morago ga go tshwara tirelo mo tseleng, batsenela tirelo ba ne ba fetela kwa ntlolohalaleng ya Sandfontein kwa ba neng ba tshwara tirelo kereke le go amogela mafoko a thotloetse gotswa go Morena Thari Pilane wa Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela.

Mo puong ya gagwe, Morena Pilane o ne a ikuela go puso go batlisisa mekgwa ya go ka dira gore tsela ya R510 e babalesege le go e atolosa.

O ikuetse gape go bakgwetsi go nna kelotlhoko mo tseleng le go kgwetsa ka lebelo le le lekanyeditsweng. O konoseditse ka go leboga barulaganyi le botlha ba ba neng ba tsenetse tirelo thapelo.



Baruti le batlhankela ba mafapha a a farologaneng ba rapela mo tseleng ya R510

Kopano Kgatlhanong le Bogodu ba Leruo



Baagi ba ngongorega ka gore leruo le le sa tlhokomelweng le tlhola dikotsi mo mebileng

Pule Mokgele

Lefapha la Tshireletsego ya Setshaba le Tsamaiso ya Dinamelwa mo Porofenseng ya Bokone Bophirima le ne le tshwere seminara kgatlhanong le bogodu ba leruo le tshireletsego mo mebileng. Seminara eo e ne e tshwaretse kwa ntlolohalaleng la baagi kwa motseng wa Mabeskraal fa tlhakole a tlhola malatsi ale some le bosupa (17).

Batsaakarolo mo kopanong eo ba ne ba akaretse Lefapha la Tshireletsego ya Setshaba go tswa kwa Kgatlakgolo ya Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela, Sepodisi, lekala la bosetshaba la botshotshisi (NPA), badiri le balekgotla ba masepala wa selegae wa Moses Kotane (MKLM) go akaretse Rrateropo Ralesole Diale, baemedi ba letlola la dikotsi tsa tsela (Road Accident Fund), barui le baemedi ba diyunione tsa bone, le baagi ka kakaretso.

Maikaelelomagolo a seminara eo, go ya ka tlhogo ya lefapha la tsa tshireletsego ya setshaba le tsamaiso ya dipalangwa Rre Buti Choma, e ne e le go buisana ka ditsela tsa go gagamatsa tirisanommogo magareng ga bannaleseabe, go tlhomamisa maemo le karolo e bannaleseabe ba tshwanetseng go e tshameka mo tirong ya go totana le bogodu ba leruo, le go fokotsa dikotsi tse di tlholwang ke leruo mo mebileng.

Choma o neile batsenelatiro ditharabololo di le mmalwa ka go tlhokomela leruo la bona. "Le tshwanetswe ke go tshwaya dikgomo tsa lona sentle; le ke gape go bala leruo la lona mme le sedimotse puso ka dipalopalo tseo. Maikaelelo a lefapha ke go bona le kgona go ithekisetsa leruo mo

'kgaolong tsa lona; mme seo se tlhoka gore le ikgobokanye jaaka baruakgomo ka gore fa le ka tla ka makgaokgao, re tla retelwa ke go le thusa," ga rialo Choma.

O tswelotse ka go gwetha baruakgomo go dirisana mmogo le Bogosi, ditshembara tsa kgwebo mo dikgaolong tsa bona, le makala a a tlhomilweng ke puso go ba thusa ka mathata a ba itemogelang ona.

Ka nako ya ditshwaelo, baagi ba ngongoregile ka dikotsi tse di fetogileng selomodiro mo tselakgolong e e garang motse wa Mabeskraal. Go begilwe fa bana ba le bathano ba setse ba amogilwe matshelo mo mmileng oo monongwaga.

Barui ba kaile fa ba bega dikgetse kwa sepodising, mme di tshololwa ka ntlha ya tlhokego ya bopaki. Ba latofaditse mapodisi mangwe ka go neela disinyi tshedimosetso ka babegi ba melato; le gore mapodisi mangwe a tsaya leruo la bona, mme ba le ise kwa botshwarelong ba leruo le le timetseng kwa Lichtenburg, mme barui ba tsona ba retelwa ke go di busa koo ka 'thulaganyo tsa go dira jalo di le tlhwalhwagodimo.

Monaaditaelo wa lekala la bogodu ba leruo kwa seteišeneng sa sepodisi kwa Phokeng, Mokolonele Itumeleng Molefe o gateletse fa baagi ba tshwanetse go fetisetsa dingongorego ka boatla ba maloko a sepodisi kwa botshotshising. O ba rotloeditse go tsenela dikopano tsa ka gale le batsaakarolo bangwe kwa seteišeneng sa gagwe.

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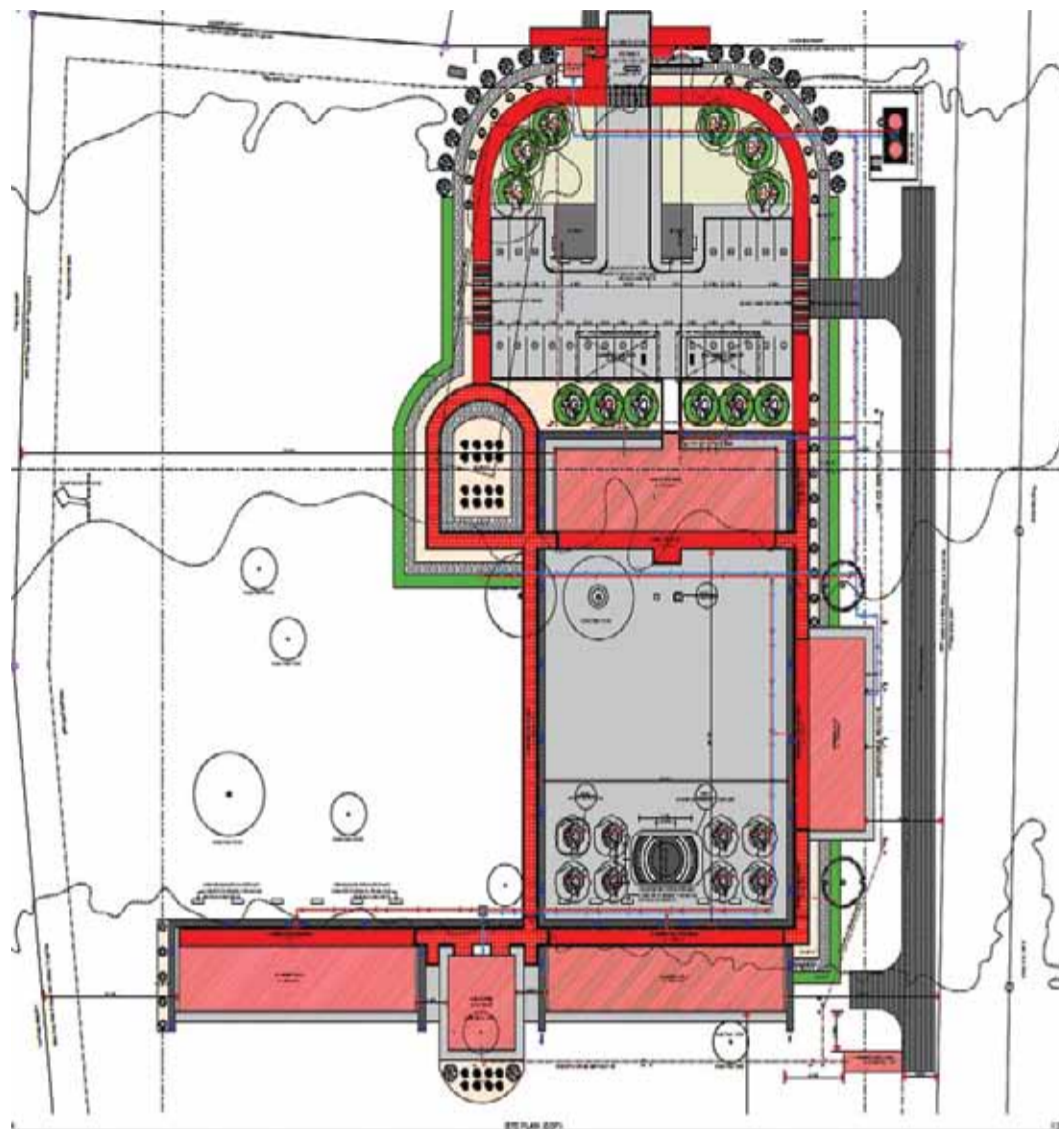
The Department of Education Bojanala District Director, Ms P Mokhutle committed that they will provide the new school with text books, the best principal and teachers. She encouraged learners to grab opportunities presented to them with both hands.

The buildings of the existing Ramotshodi Secondary School in Maologane village were so dilapidated that one of the two classroom blocks had to be completely demolished and replaced with mobile classrooms. The block was severely cracked that one could see learners inside the classrooms from the outside. The standing block is presently being used as storerooms.

The rundown conditions of the school was a thorn in the flesh of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Traditional Administration (BBKTA). In searching for relief, they approached Amandelbult Mine who took five years to heed their call.

Kgosi Nyalala Pilane said the new school infrastructure should be used as a catalyst for future developments. "We need to find creative ways of expanding the water storage and reticulation system that is to be built here so that it can be extended to the entire community."

Kgosi Pilane said this development has the potential of attracting non-natives into Maologane; something that, according to Kgosi Pilane, will guarantee increased economic activities. "If you take care of this school you may attract other investors who could do more for this community," concluded Kgosi.



The model of the new school

Bakery Brings Hope to Community



MEC Wendy Nelson handing over bakkie (right) keys to the cooperative's Chairperson, Ms Basetsana Malebye

Lucky Pitse

The escalating rate of unemployment and poverty compelled thirteen (13) unemployed men and women from Mokgalwaneng to form a bakery cooperative. Established in 2014, the Mokgalwaneng Bakery Cooperative has brought hope not only to members of the cooperative but to the community at large.

This venture has improved the lives of its members by generating income for them, it stimulates economic growth within the community and advances economic participation of the previously disadvantaged groups. The cooperative membership consists of six (6) young women, four (4) middle aged women and three (3) men.

During the official launch ceremony held at the premises of the bakery in Mokgalwaneng recently, Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development (FEED), Wendy Nelson, pleaded with members of the cooperative to work together in growing

the bakery, and encouraged community members to support and guard the bakery as it is meant to better their lives.

She announced that they were there to present the cooperative with a Toyota Bakkie to help them with deliveries. The bakkie is not the only assistance the department has offered, it had previously supplied equipment which included oven electric prover, bread and cake mixer, bread and cake pans, dough divider, moulder and a backup generator in case of power failure.

Chairperson of the cooperative, Basetsana Malebye expressed their gratitude to all stakeholders who lent a helping hand towards the success of their enterprise. They include among others the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) who conducted the feasibility study to ascertain the viability and prospects of success.

The village headman and his council provided the land on

which the North West Development Corporation (NWDC) erected the building that is today known as Mokgalwaneng Bakery.

Baking Institute of South Africa provided training in different aspects of baking business. Sun International similarly offered training in the fields of basic baking, financial management and bookkeeping. The Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) assisted with branding and marketing materials.

Malebye proudly shared that since they started operating the business has been growing steadily, to date they supply 32 local shops, schools and community members on daily basis. "With the blessing of a bakkie from the department, for which we are more than grateful, we are certain that we are going to expand our market because we will be able to spread to places we could not reach before."

Nkobong Top Achiever Rewarded as Promised

Lucky Pitse

The Senior Manager of the Division of Health and Social Services for Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Development and Welfare Non-profit Company (BBKDW-npc), Lebogang Mataboge's promise on behalf of Kraalhoek Council to reward Nkobong Senior Secondary School 2016 grade twelve top achiever has been honoured.

The best accomplished learner, Lesedi Letlape from Mantserre was awarded a laptop on the reopening day of the schools. The eighteen year old Letlape obtained level seven in Life Orientation, level six in Maths, Physics, Geography, English and Setswana and level five in Afrikaans.

Mataboge presented Letlape with a laptop in the presence of some members of the village council, teachers, learners and parents. Addressing the learners he said: "We are doing this to encourage you to study hard. The 2017 top achiever will also be rewarded with a laptop."

He further announced that this gesture will this year be expanded to include grade 11 learners. However, grade 11 top achiever will not be given a laptop, but something less in monetary value yet significant for the furtherance of the

learner's education.

"The choice of subjects is of no concern to us, whatever subjects you choose, you all have equal chance to win the prize. You only need to be the best performer in your grade to be rewarded. We will make sure that we give you as much assistance as possible," said Mataboge.

The initial commitment to provide a laptop to the top achiever was made in February 2016 during the signing of a pledge by both the learners and parents, undertaking to achieve a hundred percent (100%) pass rate, which regrettably was not achieved. Instead, the school dropped 2.49 percent below the previous year's 79.41 percent.

Out of the twenty-six (26) learners who wrote matriculation examinations, twenty (20) passed. Unsurprisingly, only the six wild and ill-mannered female learners failed.

This is according to the school principal, Mr Elias Ramafoko. "These learners failed deliberately, they never wanted to pass. They disrespected teachers and did not take their school work serious."

Letlape, the Witwatersrand Rand University Chemical Engineering Student



BBKDW-npc Health and Social Services Senior Manager, Mr Lebogang Mataboge (spectacles) pictured with Letlape and Princip Elias Ramafoko (far left) and Kgosana Mataboge of Kraalhoek village

hopeful, told Bua Kgabo that she was in dire need of reliable financial assistance to enrol with the illustrious institution. "My father is unemployed, my mother earns just enough to put food on the table. I have submitted a

few bursary application forms but nothing seems to be coming forth."

Makhurumola Awards Omphile With Bursary

Pule Mokgele

Omphile Tejana is a confident and soft-spoken 16-year old Grade 12 learner from Tidimane Secondary School in Sandfontein. Makhurumola Ithabanele Holdings, founded by a former Tidimane learner, and the company's current Chief Operations Officer, Mr Obakeng Appolus, awarded Omphile with a R 10 000 worth of a bursary toward her current studies; with a proviso that she considers a tertiary degree in Civil Engineering.

The company had during the end of 2016 established the Sephalabanyana programme whereby Grade 11 girl-learners residing in Sandfontein were invited to compete for the said bursary.

The learners were challenged to produce essays and attend interviews motivating why they wished to obtain the bursary; why they intend to study Civil Engineering; and they also had to explain how they would serve their community if they got the prize.

During the prize award ceremony that was held at Tidimane Secondary School premises on January 27, Appolus explained that his company initially envisaged to sponsor four learners with the bursary; but only Omphile had passed the mustard.

He said Omphile's submissions far outstripped those of her co-entrants; and only she met the prescribed requirements. He indicated that the surplus from the bursary fund (R 30 000) will be donated to the school.

The main objective of the bursary, according to Appolus, is to advance female participation in the construction industry. He added that the bursary also included mentorship that will be provided to Omphile.

"We intend to give her exposure to the industry. We will take her to our offices to show her what civil engineers do on a daily basis; and we will expose her to the pressures of the field by visiting operational

sites"; intoned Appolus.

The prize also included a laptop, textbooks and study guides, study software, 1 gigabytes worth of monthly data, and a uniform voucher.

Omphile signed a one-year contract with Makhurumole Holdings, and committed to score required marks which are prerequisite for further sponsorship from the company at tertiary level.

Omphile said the prizes have been helpful. "The prizes have helped me a lot so far. I can study effectively with all the books they have provided; and the laptop helps me a lot in terms of doing school researches. I am also able to apply online with the 1GB provided monthly"; she added.

She expressed confidence in her ability to secure that tertiary level sponsorship from Makhurumole Holdings. "It is going very well I am working very hard and I can see some light at the pace I am going I believe I am going to do very well at the end of the year," she said.

All her teachers who attended the award ceremony spoke warmly of her. They presented her as a hard worker with exceptional precocity.

Omphile told Bua Kgabo that her teachers continue to be supportive to her; and that although she maintains no direct contact with her sponsors, they regularly enquire on her progress through contact with her mother.

Representing the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Development and Welfare non-profit company (BBKDW-npc)'s Department of Education at the ceremony was Mr Dithuso Pilane. He advised that some of the surplus bursary funds should also be used to create a conducive studying environment for Omphile at home.



Omphile signs the contract



Makhurumola Ithabanele Holdings' Director, Ms Mmasetshaba Ramaoka; Mr Dithuso Pilane; Omphile; Mr Obakeng Appolus; Omphile's mother, Ms Lizzy Tejana; and Makhurumola's Senior Engineer, Mr Obed Goza at Tidimane Secondary School premises

Orbit College Launches Automotive Hub

Tshireletso Malapile

The Department of Higher Education and Training in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Small Business Development and Small Enterprise Development and Higher Agency (Seda) officially launched a rapid automotive incubator and centre for entrepreneurship at Orbit Technical Vocational and Training (TVET) College's Mankwe campus on Friday, 24 March.

In his message of support, the Head of Administration for Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Traditional Administration (BBKTA), Prof Gill Maleka, stated that administration is delighted of the support that various stakeholders always grants the people thus uplifting and empowering the community. "It is a great honour for us to be blessed with this initiative. Every individual is an entrepreneur because an entrepreneur is somebody who identifies a need and finds the qualities to create and deliver that need. "Each one of us here has the ability to identify a need; it is up to us what we decide to do with the realization of what is needed. Our region is still developing and a lot of things need to be done. I urge you to be innovative and to make a living of the qualities that you possess to pave a better life for all," he encouraged.

The Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda) has been tasked with the implementation of the rapid incubators and centres for entrepreneurship at TVET colleges. Seda CEO, Mandisa Tshikwatamba, said at the launch her organisation had a responsibility to ensure that entrepreneurship was inculcated in places of learning. "This is an opportunity to extend our incubation programme to go further and link it with institutions that are focused on technical skills and vocational training. This is where young people are and it is where we are more likely to equip them with entrepreneurship skills," Tshikwatamba said.

The rapid incubator and centre seeks to utilise the skills of TVET graduates to encourage and promote an



Deputy Minister for Small business Development, Hon. Lindiwe Zulu (last on the second row); MEC for Education, Sello Lehari (second on the second row); Seta CEO, Mandisa Tshikwatamba (wearing a red and black dress on the second row) pictured with Orbit College employees and incubatees.

entrepreneurship culture and provide the student incubatees with the necessary tools and techniques to create their own SMMEs, and thus contributing to economic growth and job creation in economically depressed areas.

Keynote Speaker, Deputy minister of Small Business Development, Hon. Lindiwe Zulu, said at the launch the high unemployment in the country, especially among the youth, painted a grim picture. "The economic recession that took place during 2008/2009 has forced businesses in the automotive sector to re-evaluate their strategies and to tighten their belts. Many of the automotive operators had to even retrench workers to ensure that their profit

margins remain attractive to their shareholders. We as the government need to join hands with private sectors to curb the further escalation of this trend. This initiative is amongst one of the best approaches we need to follow in order to succeed," Zulu said. She also encouraged the graduates to start reading books that build their personal growth as a result to succeed in the business world.

The graduates were constantly reminded of how privileged they are to have such an initiative in their campus as it is one of the few programmes that guarantees sustainability in the country because of its scarce nature.

BBK SMME's Empowered on Tax Laws

Lucky Pitse

More than thirty (30) local entrepreneurs from various Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela villages took part in an interactive business briefing aimed at empowering them to comply with laws governing businesses in South Africa. The briefing was organised by the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Development and Welfare Non-profit Company (BBKDW npc) in partnership with the Small Enterprises Finance Agency (SEFA). Among the institutions present at the briefing was the South African Revenue Services (SARS).

BBKDW npc's Local Economic Development Manager, Keobiditse Lephogole explained that in their analysis and research they discovered that young and upcoming business persons know little to nothing about business regulations. Hence the business briefing.

SARS Tax Educator, Thabo Makale shared with the participants the types of businesses and taxes applicable to them, and how they work.

He said in a partnership business each partner should be a registered tax Payer. Whatever happens in relation to tax all partners are equally responsible.

"We have close corporations and PTY/LTD companies which are entities on their own and have their own tax numbers separate from the owners. They are required to appoint a public officer who should be responsible for all tax related matters. There is also a sole proprietor which is owned by a single individual who is solely responsible for tax matters," shared Makale.

He spoke about the three common types of tax, the Income, Pay As You Earn (PAYE)



SARS Tax Educator Thabo Makale addressing participants

and Value Added Tax (VAT). In relation to Income Tax he said Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME's) are charged a twenty eight percent (28%) flat rate. SARS does not tax the turn over but the profit.

Makale explained that PAYE is not taxed against the business, it is a vehicle used by SARS to collect tax from employees. Businesses that have employees earning anything from R 6250.00 per month must register for PAYE to empower them to collect

the money on behalf of SARS.

Linked to PAYE are the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) and the Skills Development Levy (SDL), however SDL is only for businesses spending R 500 000 or more on salaries per month. It is compulsory for businesses with a taxable supply turnover of R1 million to register for VAT. Failure to comply with the laws will result to undesirable consequences.

Other organisations that shared

information with BBK SMME's included the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHRBC) and the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA).

NHRBC's Patrick Ragau warned building contractors that it is against the law to build a house when not registered with them, and if found, one can be imprisoned or a heavy fine can be imposed on them. This is to protect both the home owner and the builder.

Sensei Rampai Opens New Dojo



Sensei Rampai demonstrates with a student



Students conduct stretching exercises while Sensei Rampai observes

Pule Mokgele

A veteran martial artist and holder of multiple Shinkyokoshin championships, Sensei Puso Rampai has opened a new dojo at the premises of Ofentse Primary School in Moruleng. The dojo offers two daily classes midweek for children (16h10-17h30) and adults (17h40-19h00). Sensei Rampai expressed intent to open additional dojos in other Kgatleng villages as time goes on.

The chief aim of the initiative, according to Sensei Rampai, is to bring social change to the villages through sports generally, and Karate specifically. "Karatekas are known for their discipline. Karate teaches them to respect themselves, others, and their environment. Prospective employers are often impressed by CVs of individuals who are actively involved with Karate," said Sensei Rampai. He added that karate students travel the world, and their exposure to other cultures advances their capacity for new ideas.

Sensei Rampai currently trains about 20 youngsters

with eight of them having paid the registration fee that associates them with the World Karate Organisation; and thus, qualifies them to compete in national and international events. His short-term plan is to get his students ready for 3 tournaments to be held in Polokwane in May, Durban in June, and Hamanskraal in September.

These competitions are prerequisites for qualifications for the Junior World Championships to be held in Japan in 2018; and the last championship tournament will host qualifying rounds for the olympic games that are to be held in the same country in 2020. "One of my long-term plans, besides opening dojos in 32 Kgatleng villages, is to prepare my students for entry into the 2020 Olympics to be held in Japan," added Sensei Rampai.

He lamented the lack of involvement of the students' parents in the initiative. "European parents support their children; they often accompany them to training and attend their tournaments. On the other hand, African parents

show lack of interest in the extramural activities of their children; it may well be because the parents foresee the activities as costly; and hence see the activities as future financial burdens." Sensei Rampai assured Bua Kgabo that he intends not to refuse any students based on financial shortcomings; he maintains that the only factor for acceptance into his training programme is the students' commitment.

He estimated the annual operating expenses of a fully-fledged dojo at R 500 000. Rampai appealed to interested organisations or individuals to help him acquire training tools and financial assistance for economically limited students. He is currently being assisted by Mr Dikeme Mabusela who boasts a year worth of training in Shinkyokoshin. "Financial assistance will also help me to rope in extra training instructors to manage other dojos in Kgatleng," concluded Sensei Rampai.

Transnet School of Excellence Explore Kgatleng Talent

Pule Mokgele



One of the products of the Transnet School of Excellence and former Bafana Captain, Steven Pienaar

The Transnet School of Excellence was founded in 1994, and it identifies talented footballers from underprivileged and rural areas. The prospective stars are afforded quality education and are simultaneously moulded into professional footballers. The school carried out football trials for Under-13 players from Kgatleng at Moruleng Stadium on the 19th of February. These trials had already been areas such as Musina, Sekhukhune, Thulamahashe, Emerlo and Vryburg since August 2016.

The school's officials consisted of the Under-14 Head Coach and former Moroka Swallows defender, Mr James Mabena, Team Manager, Mr Mojalefa Mathebula, Goalkeeper Coach, Mr Mxolisi Silango and Project Manager, Ms Matshidiso Tlotleng.

Speaking to the 150 attending contestants, Mabena said they should balance their footballing ambitions with their schoolwork. He stressed the contestants' need to establish a fall-back plan should their soccer careers fail to materialise. "A career in football is fragile. You may get irreversibly injured in the field; and a proper education would be your best plan B," said Mabena. He urged them to consider the school's resultant stars such as Bernard Parker, Steven Pienaar and Jackson Mabokgwane as exemplary achievers.

Mathebula told Bua Kgabo that the trialists were tested on

technique, insight, mobility, agility and character; and he ranked highly the performance of the Kgatleng contestants. Mathebula explained that the distribution of the programme's funds are arranged such that 40% is allocated to rural areas, 30% to semi-urban areas and 30% to urban areas.

The successful contestants will be required to register with the school for 2018 on a five-year long bursary. "They will be invited for a provincial camp during the June or July school holidays for a mini-tournament of eight (8) teams, where they will be assessed for entry to national camp," Mathebula elaborated.

He added that although the programme is envisioned to accommodate about twenty (20) candidates, there will not be a limit to the number of successful trialists per area. The candidates will also receive support to ensure they pass their current studies. He consoled the unsuccessful contestants: "keep working hard and pursue your dreams," concluded Mathebula.

This message was also delivered to the attending trialists by Morena Segale Pilane, the spokesperson for the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Royal Council. The announcement of advancing Kgatleng contestants will be made during the first week of June.

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