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Historic Sod Turning for Reconstruction of Ramotshodi High School

On Wednesday, 12th April 2017, Dikuno tsa Sechaba Development Trust in partnership with Anglo American Platinum and Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Traditional Administration co-officiated the historic sod turning ceremony of the construction of a new infrastructure for Ramotshodi High School, at a new site, in Maologane Village, North West. The project commenced on the 03rd of April 2017 and is estimated to be completed on the 15th of December 2017.

President Jacob Zuma emphasized during the 2014 State of the Nation Address, that quality education is key in addressing inadequacies and challenges in the country's rural communities. This statement remains central in driving many institutions whose aim is to develop and improve the lives of disadvantaged rural communities.

As one of the 32 villages that fall under the jurisdiction of the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela and surrounding where Anglo American Platinum's Amandelbult operates, the old Ramotshodi High School was seen as an ideal fit to benefit from the development projects of Dikuno Tsa Sechaba Community Development Trust.

According to the Chairperson of Dikuno tsa Sechaba Development Trust, Mr. Mosimanegape Moleme; "This kind of project demonstrates the commitment of the development trust- as founded by Anglo Platinum - to deliver on its commitment to facilitate and help secure resilient communities through mining beyond mining. It further demonstrates the value of working together with our stakeholders to deliver value to society".

This initiative is amongst many other benefits aimed at alleviating poverty and empowering various rural communities through the development of community infrastructure in the form



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of schools, roads, community centers, health care facilities, as well as providing education and skills training.

Kgosi Nyalala M.J. Pilane of the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Traditional Administration, in Moruleng, commented; “This is one of many partnerships which we have recognised as direct and relevant in eliminating social ills within our communities. One of the focus areas in the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Master Plan is to improve the livelihood of all rural BBK communities. Projects such as these ensure the future of our learners and create jobs for the unemployed during the implementation processes.”

Executive Head of Corporate Affairs, Seara Mkhabela, said: “It is of utmost importance for Anglo American Platinum to form strategic partnerships that seek to improve host communities. Through our education and training initiatives, we arm communities with appropriate infrastructure for educational development but also learner and educator facilities to encourage intellectual growth from early childhood to post school training. The reconstruction of Ramotshodi High School is a step closer in achieving our goals of supporting education initiatives in communities.”

Dikuno Tsa Sechaba Development Trust has contributed R 20 million towards the new structure, which is envisaged to consist of a guardhouse, 2 blocks of classrooms consisting of 4 rooms each (total of 8 classrooms), boys, girls, staff toilets, an administration block, Science and Biology Laboratory, water storage systems, landscaping and parking area with placate fencing around the entire school.

*“Education is a ladder out of poverty for millions of our people,” - President Jacob Zuma
(2014 State of the Nation Address)*



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