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DA urges Makamu to investigate FTLM speaker Shoba

SEKHUKHUNE

The DA in Fetakgomo-Tubatse Municipality said it will write to the MEC for COGHSTA, Basikopo Makamu, to investigate the total disdain for the rule of law and the rules and orders by the speaker, councillor Vincent Shoba.

The DA said since June 2024, when Shoba was sworn in as the speaker, all council meetings were held virtually. During these meetings opposition parties were muted, the public was not notified of council meetings and the 48-hour notice period for council meetings, was mostly ignored.

“The latest rules and order published on 13 September 2013 in the Provincial Gazette No 138 of 2252 does not make provision for virtual sittings and Section 29A of the Municipal Structures Act determines that the public must be given notice of every council sitting.

“During these virtual sittings opposition parties were permanently muted and ignored, and while the opposition parties were effectively gagged, the prepared panel of law firms was overlooked and two new law firms were appointed without following the procurement processes.

“The questionable suspension of the municipal manager occurred in the same manner,” alleged DA Cllr at the FTLM Tumelo Molapo.

He said the DA has possession of an interim court order issued on 6 February 2025 in the Burgersfort Regional Court.

The interim order prohibits the municipality, municipal council, mayor and speaker from interfering with the municipal manager’s work and/or preventing him from performing his duties as the

municipal manager; and the speaker or any purported official or councillor are further interdicted from convening and chairing any council meeting which is not in compliance with the municipal council rules and orders.

“Despite the court order the brazen Shoba convened and chaired a council meeting through a virtual platform on 11 February 2025, claiming that the sitting was held according to the Rules and Orders. The notice of the council meeting was sent to council members at 11H40 notifying members that the meeting would start at 12H00 on a virtual platform, the notice had no supporting documents and was contrary to the rules and orders,” alleged Molapo.

Molapo said during this virtual meeting, opposition parties were gagged yet again.

“It is alleged that the municipal manager opened a case against the speaker for being in contempt of the interim order following the council meeting,” revealed the party in the statement.

According to the DA, the Fetakgomo-Tubatse council has been stripped of its functions by the speaker who is holding due process captive through his blatant disregard for the rules and orders. Molapo said the DA will no longer tolerate the blatant disregard for hard-fought democratic processes being disregarded.

“We call on MEC Makamu to restore order in our council and to remove the speaker if he is incapable or unwilling to apply the rules and orders; the rules are there for a reason, to allow for fair, free and equitable discussion on any motion or proposal.”

The FTLM’s communications team did not comment on the matter, citing that this matter was sub judice.

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The DA wants FTLM speaker Vincent Shoba investigated.

DENNILTON

Community members in Dennilton have raised concerns after they were not invited to a meeting between Eskom and Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM).

The meeting on Tuesday between the power utility and EMLM was over the ongoing load reduction challenges experienced in the area.

Moutse area has been marred by minor protests against load reduction which led to a decision to close down Eskom's office in Elandsdoorn last week.

The office was closed down by angry residents following a meeting over the problem at the Ndlovu Amphitheatre last Monday.

The residents demanded Eskom to address them on the implementation of load reduction which negatively affects Dennilton and the surrounding areas.

Ali Maloba, EFF Sekhukhune regional representative, said even though the municipality did not see any necessity to invite the affected community to the meeting, they appreciate that the parties have come to their senses and accepted their mistakes.

Maloba indicated that as the community of Elias Motsoaledi, they will be patiently waiting to hear the outcomes of the meeting.

Sen Mogtji, Bolsheviks Party of South Africa Leader, stated that they have learned

with shock that EMLM was meeting with Eskom on Tuesday morning.

"They never bothered to invite us to the meeting or ask for our inputs as affected community members," stressed Mogtji.

However, Mogtji hoped that whatever decision the meeting takes won't negatively affect the community.

Residents said it is unacceptable that communities experiencing power cuts first-hand are not given a platform to voice their challenges, provide their inputs or seek clarity on matters that directly impact their daily lives.

"Transparent and inclusive decision-making is essential for public trust and effective solutions. We demand that affected communities be included in all future discussions regarding load reduction. We insist on a public engagement session in which community members can raise their concerns and seek accountability. Ignoring the voices of those affected only leads to further frustrations and unnecessary escalations. Please provide clarity on why communities were excluded and how you plan to address this issue moving forward," read a letter by community members, addressed to the municipality.

Simon Makua, EMLM spokesperson, said the meeting only involved traditional leaders and several other stakeholders. Makua indicated that there will be phase 2 of the meeting in which community members will be included.

Community dismayed after exclusion from load reduction meeting



A protest by members of the community of Dennilton last Monday which led to the closure of the Eskom office in Elandsdoorn Village

Four accused of torching Putco buses appear in court

SIYABUSWA - Four men accused of torching Putco buses appeared before the Mdujane Magistrate's Court in Siyabuswa on 13 February.

The case against Isaac Mabena (36), Luthando Trevor Skosana (39), Mduduzi Masango (31) and Steven Mthombeni (27) was postponed to 19 February for formal bail application while they remained in custody. The outcome of the court appearance was not received at the time of going to press on Tuesday.

Masango and Mthombeni made their first appearance at the court on 12 February following their arrest. They joined Mabena and Skosana, who are the first to be arrested days after the incident, in the stand during the appearance on 13 February.

Putco buses' commuters in several areas including Siyabuswa were left stranded on 28 January morning following the torching of 35 buses.

According to Mpumalanga South African Police Service (SAPS), a total number of 51 buses were set alight in the Nkangala District Municipality since 27 January by a group of armed suspects driving in a white Toyota Quantum.

Eighteen buses were burned in Maphotla and Thabana villages in the area of Siyabuswa. Brigadier Donald Mdhluli, Mpumalanga Provincial Police spokesperson, said according to a report, approximately 15 suspects wearing black clothes and balaclavas stormed into a bus depot in Moloto, in the KwaMhlanga area, and held the employees there at gunpoint.

Mdhluli indicated that the suspects are said to have then shot as well as injured one security guard. "It is during this period that 16 buses were burnt. The injured security officer was taken to hospital. At Maphotla in the Siyabuswa area, about 10 suspects attacked and assaulted a security guard then torched the 18 buses. The security guard was taken to hospital for medical treatment.



Mududuzi Masango and Steven Mthombeni who are two more suspects that have recently been arrested following the torching of Putco buses at several depots including Siyabuswa.



At Thabana in Siyabuswa, about 10 suspects went to the bus depot then reportedly torched 17 buses," explained Mdhluli.

The police, firefighters as well as emergency medical personnel were summoned and upon arrival, cases were opened in relation to the horrific incident. They include malicious damage to properties, attempted murder and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Police urge anyone with information that may assist in apprehending the remaining suspects to call the crime stop number 08600 10111 or use the MySAPSApp.

Integrated Operations Vala Umgodi nets illegal miners and drug dealers



Transparent plastic bags containing crystal meth, nyaope, rock drugs and cash money were recovered by the police during the ongoing Operation Vala Umgodi.

THABAKHUBEDU

The ongoing integrated Operation Vala Umgodi continues to yield significant results across Limpopo, with the arrest of 33 suspects, aged between 18 and 49, for crimes ranging from illegal mining, possession and dealing in illicit drugs, to contravention of immigration laws.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the arrests took place during multidisciplinary operations, conducted from the early hours of Sunday 16 February 2025, until the evening of the same day.

"In the Sekhukhune District, a 46-year-old man was arrested for illegally mining sand in Thabakhubedu Village within the Dennilton policing area. The suspect was caught loading sand into a truck, with four shovels and one spade confiscated by the police. Two undocumented foreign males were also arrested during the operation," explained Ledwaba.

He added that during the same operation conducted in the Mopani District, a 19-year-old undocumented foreign national and two other male

suspects, aged 28 and 35, were arrested for possession and dealing in drugs.

"The drug dealer was found with 23 small transparent plastic bags containing crystal meth, seven bags of nyaope, and seven silver-foiled plastics with rock drugs. The suspect also had R2, 210-00 in cash, believed to be proceeds from drug sales. Another drug suspect was found with one small transparent plastic bag containing crystal meth and two small bags of dagga," informed Ledwaba.

Additionally, Ledwaba said the Vhembe Police Task Team arrested eighteen undocumented foreign nationals, aged between 18 and 46, during a heightened operation within the Musina policing area.

"The Capricorn District Police Task Team also apprehended nine undocumented foreign nationals, aged between 19 and 49, during a disruptive operation in Bergenek Village, Westenburg policing area," he said.

Ledwaba said the arrested individuals are scheduled to appear before their respective magistrate's courts soon.

Makhuduthamaga Lekgotla optimizes roadmap for development

JANE FURSE

The Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality’s (MLM) political and management components, led by Mayor Cllr Merah Mahlase and Municipal Manager Ronald Moganedi, wrapped up its three-day annual Strategic Planning Session (SPS), which began on Wednesday and concluded on Friday 14 February 2025.

The Lekgotla, held at Forever Resort’s Blyde Canyon near Graskop, was set to re-evaluate and define a roadmap for a more developmental local government institution that works for its people.

The session was also attended by MLM Council Speaker, Cllr Judy Nkgadima, MLM Chief Whip Cllr Mosedi Thamaga, MLM Chair of Chairs Cllr. Thabitha Selala, Executive Committee (EXCO) members, other councillors and senior officials from departments such as Rural Development and Land Reform, Social Development, Public Works, Cooperative Governance, Planning Division, Sekhukhune District Municipality’s (SDM) Infrastructure and Water Services and Auditor General of South Africa.

The three-day MLM strategic session reviewed the municipality’s objectives by refining its action plans driven by the six key performance areas (KPAs), with focus to various development directions, ranging from assessing the existence of mineral deposits in the municipal area, investment initiatives, enhanced Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME) and youth business funding models.

Other focused KPAS included the acceleration of provision of basic services, such as roads, storm-water drainage, electrification of households, waste disposal, enhanced own revenue generation, upgrading of municipal public facilities, especially sports facilities and halls, creation of a financially viable institution and improve audit outcome to achieve clean audit, among others.

The Executive Mayor of SDM, Cllr Minah Bahula, addressed the local municipality’s councillors and senior officials on the second day of the session, emphasising the need for strategic alignment across all spheres of government and developmental planning in order to drive sustainable growth and improve community livelihoods.

Mayor Merah Mahlase closed the session with a resounding address, stating: “As we move forward, let us carry out all of our strategic objectives and actions in the next financial year, within the confines of our vision, a catalyst for integrated community-driven service delivery. All Makhuduthamaga communities must feel our service delivery and social impact through various initiatives. Let us rally behind a clean audit, it is attainable.”

The conclusion of the municipality’s strategic planning phase as outlined in the Integrated Development Planning (IDP) process plan, will enable the mayor and speaker to hold public consultations on draft plans and budgets for 2025/2026 financial year, commencing from 1 July 2025.



MLM Mayor, Cllr Merah Mahlase, urged that the municipality should carry the Lekgotla’s objectives to the next financial year in order to fast-track service delivery.



LEBALELO WATER USER ASSOCIATION

Established in terms of Section 92(1) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36. of 1998) Government Gazette No 89/23053

JOB ADVERTISEMENT Maintenance Foreman (Eastern Limb)

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Reference No.	LWUA-25003
Type of Contract	Permanent
Salary / Job Grade	C Upper
Location	Havercroft

- **Location:** The position is based at the Association’s Havercroft office in Modubeng;
- **Objectives:** The key objective of this role is to manage maintenance activities, ensure efficient operations and maintain safety standards within the Association’s facilities. The incumbent must possess a combination of technical expertise, team leadership and organisational skills;
- **Key Result Areas:** Develop schedules and plans for preventative, predictive and corrective maintenance. Timely execution of maintenance to minimise downtime, implement best practice and innovative solutions, control work performance. Supervise a team of maintenance personnel, foster a positive workforce, provide advice and recommendations on technical, mechanical and electrical issues. Inspect projects after completion, inspect machinery, equipment and facilities regularly. Monitor maintenance expenses against budget. Collaborate with external vendors and clients. Prepare reports for management. Ensure compliance with the Association’s policies, safety regulations and operating standards;
- **Minimum Qualifications:** N3 with Trade Test Certificate in Mechanical Fitting or Electrical/ Civil and a Code 8 Valid Driver’s License;
- **Additional Qualifications:** Mechanical/Electrical/Civil Engineering diploma or degree; and
- **Minimum Work Experience:** 5+ years of working experience in maintenance, project inspection and effective personnel utilisation.

Application Process: To apply, please submit a detailed Curriculum Vitae to: ommrecruitment@lebalelo.co.za. Please quote the reference number in the subject line.
Closing Date: 7 March 2025. Should you not have been contacted by 20 March 2025, please consider your application unsuccessful.

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Pholoso elderly citizens showered with affection on Valentine’s Day

ELANDSDOORN

Dozens of elderly citizens from Pholoso Drop-In-Centre in Elandsdoorn Township, Dennilton, celebrated their Valentine’s Day in style on Friday 14 February 2025.

The centre is a Non-Profit Organization (NPO) formed by community leaders in the early 1990’s, with a primary focus on innovative community based healthcare provision.

During the Valentine’s Day celebrations, the seniors welcomed their honoured guest, Ali Maloba, who is Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) PR Councillor and former Chairperson Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in Sekhukhune Region, who joined them for the Valentine’s Day festivities dressed in red and white to fit the day’s theme.

Maloba ensured that the day becomes a success by showering the elderlies with breakfast and lunch, which were followed by activities such as aerobics, storytelling and motivational talks while they also received goodies for the special day of love.

Maloba said having Valentine’s Day event with senior citizens was special because most were caught by surprise as they

have never thought that someone will remember them during this special day.

“The reason why I choose Pholoso Drop-In-Centre is because it is where my community activism career started in the early 2000. Most of the pensioners there are people who raised and guided me throughout the journey. Celebrating the day with them was an honour for me because while I was still a teenager, I did community volunteerism with most of them in various community structures and churches,” said Maloba.

He added that the other reason he chose to celebrate the day with the elderly citizens is because they are neglected in most communities.

“I will ensure that the event becomes an annual occasion so that we can celebrate the times and lives of our elders while they are still alive. I thank Pholoso Drop-In Centre for affording me the opportunity to celebrate this special day with the senior citizens,” he said.

Maloba urged the local business community and residents to lend a helping hand at Pholoso Drop-In-Centre in support of their community programmes.



Elderly citizens at the Pholoso Drop-In-Centre celebrating Valentine’s Day at the centre premises in Elandsdoorn Township.



EFF SDM PR Councillor and former Chairperson in Sekhukhune Region, Ali Maloba, handing-over goodies to some of the elderly citizens during the Valentine’s Day celebrations.



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R145 900



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KGOBOKWANE

Parents and concerned community members of learners at Hosea Aphane Primary School in Kgobokwane Village, Moutse, say they are worried about the Limpopo Department of Education's (LDoE) failure to provide the school with mobile classrooms.

The school was blown by a heavy storm on 28 November 2024 and according to parents, the department promised to deliver the mobile classrooms before the schools re-opening in the 2025 academic year.

Following the incident, the LDoE visited the school for risk assessment inspections, in which an assessment report revealed that the school structure is very old and could not be renovated. The report also stated that the whole school structure is posing risk and should be demolished and a new structure be constructed.

Hosea Aphane was constructed about 50 years ago with contributions by Kgobokwane community members. No proper structure was built by government ever since the school was established in the 1970s.

The school admits pupils from Grade R to Grade 9 and due to the unfortunate incident, only eight classrooms are still intact after 8 others were blown away during the heavy storm.

Due to the high number of enrolment, the remaining classes are unable to accommodate all the learners, urging the school to use a rotational system per grades

for teaching and learning on daily basis.

Zakhele Matseke, Chairperson of Hosea Aphane School Governing Body (SGB), told the paper that they are disappointed with the LDoE's empty promises.

"This is sad because the rotational system is badly affecting learners on their studies as some remain at home during the process and left behind on their studies. The department promised to supply mobile classrooms but they failed to deliver. They keep on telling us that the mobile classrooms are on the way," he said.

Matseke indicated that due to lack of classrooms, teachers are urged to only attend to intermediate phase pupils on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, while the senior phase is attended to only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"We are rotating the learners because there are not enough classrooms to accommodate the rest of them. We appeal to the department to please deliver mobile classrooms because our children are suffering," he said.

LDoE Spokesperson, Mike Maringa, told the publication that the department had procured mobile classrooms for Hosea Aphane Primary and they are currently awaiting delivery.

"The update we got from the service provider is that the mobile classrooms were loaded last night (Sunday 16 February) but they are not able to move because of the rain. The delivery will be done this week if the weather is permitting," he said.

Delays in mobile classrooms delivery leave Hosea Aphane learners in limbo



Mobile classrooms delivery delays hinders teaching and learning at Hosea Aphane Primary School after the school's roof was blown away by heavy winds in November last year.

Limpopo Research Conference convened in Loskop



South African Statistician General, Risenga Maluleke, addressing the Limpopo Research Conference at Forever Resort in Loskop Dam outside Groblersdal.

LOSKOP

The Annual Limpopo Research Conference was held at the Forever Resort in Loskop Dam outside Groblersdal, from Wednesday 12 February to Friday 14 February 2025, under the theme: “Innovating for Inclusive Growth: Bridging Science, Technology and Policy for Sustainable Development”, with sub-themes such as transformative technologies for economic resilience and innovations in healthcare for improved public health outcomes.

The three-day conference was convened in collaboration with the South African Association of Public Administration & Management (SAAPAM), the University of Limpopo (UL) Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), University of South Africa (UNISA), University of Venda (UNIVEN) and Statistics South Africa (Stats-SA).

This conference was set to generate innovative knowledge systems that may assist the Limpopo Provincial Government, to enhance usage of science and technology in identifying key development needs to address critical challenges of poverty, inequality and infrastructure.

Addressing the conference, South African Statistician General, Risenga Maluleke, outlined the significant role that research forums can play in changing the economic outlook, particularly in provinces like Limpopo.

He also emphasised the importance of universities in assisting the government in addressing various challenges.

Furthermore, Maluleke highlighted the need for ethical considerations in research, especially when it comes to data collection. This is a critical aspect of ensuring that research is conducted responsibly and with integrity.

In addition, Maluleke also shared some insightful statistics, revealing that agriculture accounts for 3.3% of economic activities in Limpopo. Moreover, he noted that the province is heavily involved in agriculture, primarily for consumption.

The Statistician General underscored the work of Stats-SA as of collecting data, disseminating of data. He also highlighted that they release statistics without briefing any political party or government.

The final day of the conference wrapped up with a strong emphasis on the transformative power of research in addressing the province’s challenges.


Discussions in the past two days highlighted the significant role that research forums can play in changing the economic outlook, particularly in provinces like Limpopo.

These discussions underscored the importance of research in solving the challenges of the province, enhancing service delivery, and exploring different technologies for different economical sectors like farming in the province.

By bridging science, technology and policy, the forum aimed to foster innovative solutions to the challenges facing Limpopo, ultimately driving sustainable development and inclusive growth in the province.



Government dignitaries from various sector departments honoured the invitation and attended the Sekhukhune South NSC Awards Ceremony, held at The Park Hotel in Mokopane.



LEBALELO WATER USER ASSOCIATION
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(Act No 36. of 1998) Government Gazette No 89/23053

JOB ADVERTISEMENT
General Worker (Gardener)

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Reference No.	LWUA-25002
Type of Contract	Permanent
Salary / Job Grade	B Lower
Location	Havercroft

- Location:** The position is based at the Association's Havercroft office in Modubeng;
- Objectives:** The objective of this role is to create an aesthetically pleasing and welcoming environment through the upkeep of the Association's gardens, together with the current team, while complying to Health and Safety standards;
- Key Result Areas:** Perform gardening tasks, including mowing lawns, trimming trees and shrubs, applying fertilisers and herbicides, maintaining irrigation systems and cleaning paved surfaces. Operate and drive vehicles, tractors and machinery required for garden maintenance. Ensure compliance with the Association's Integrated Management System, the Occupational Health and Safety Act, NOSA's Five-Star system and ISO requirements;
- Minimum Qualifications:** Grade 12;
- Additional Qualifications:** A valid driver's license; and
- Minimum Work Experience:** 3 years of experience in gardening services.

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Sekhukhune South Education District honours top 2024 Matric achievers

SEKHUKHUNE

The Sekhukhune South Education District, in partnership with Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), have on Friday 14 February organised the district's National Senior Certificate (NSC) Awards Ceremony, held at The Park Hotel in Mokopane.

The awards were set to celebrate and honour the matric class of 2024 for their outstanding achievement in the NSC results.

Dignitaries who attended the event were Sekhukhune South Education Director, TG Nkadimeng, Acting Executive Mayor of SDM, Cllr Alfred Matlala, Department of Basic Education Chief Director Dion Letshedi and Limpopo Provincial Treasury representative Dikeledi Thandisa, as well as all 16 circuit managers from the district, school principals, teachers and learners.

During the event, outstanding circuits, top performing schools, teachers and learners were awarded trophies and certificates in recognition of their achievements.

The highlight of the ceremony was the awarding of R10, 000 to the 2024 matric top three achievers. The award was made in partnership with Limpopo Provincial Treasury and Standard Bank.

The district has set a target of 87% for the 2025 academic year, building on its impressive progress from 59% in 2021, 66% in 2022, 73% in 2023, and 80.4% in 2024. Notably, two of the district's circuits, Lobethal and Phokwane are ranked among the top ten best-performing circuits in Limpopo Province.

Acting Executive Mayor Matlala applauded the district's remarkable 2024 matric performance of 80.4%.

He encouraged circuit managers to work collaboratively as a district team and adopt best practices from one another to ensure continued excellence.

The district has consistently improved its performance by 7% annually over the past five years, and further progress is anticipated this year.

“Now that the district has moved out of the underperformance zone, we do not expect you to drop the ball,” said Matlala.



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water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MISS PEMMY C.P. MAJODINA, MP, THE MINISTER OF WATER & SANITATION, HEREBY CALLS FOR THE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF LEPELLE NORTHERN WATER FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM COMMENCING 1 AUGUST 2025 TO 31 JULY 2029.

The Minister of Water & Sanitation is the Executive Authority and Shareholder of Water Boards and is responsible for the appointment of Board members. Water Boards are a state-owned entity listed in Schedule 3B of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999) (PFMA), as amended and operates in terms of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997) (WSA).

The process of appointing a new Board will be done in line with the Schedule 1, Section 3 (1) of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997) (WSA).

The primary activities, as stipulated under the provisions of Sections 29 and 30 of the Water Services Act, is to provide bulk water. The strategic objectives are:

- Plan, develop, operate, and maintain infrastructure to ensure sustainable water service delivery.
- Manage and optimise financial affairs to meet current and future obligations.
- Secure the supply and quality of raw water resources.
- Achieve an aligned, effective, and efficient institution through optimisation of all business processes and systems.
- Engage and strengthen strategic partnerships with all relevant stakeholders.

PRIMARY DUTIES

- Provide oversight on the governance and statutory requirements of Lepelle Northern Water as a State-Owned Entity and ensure overall compliance with the applicable legislative and regulatory framework,
- Exercise oversight on the implementation of the Lepelle Northern Water strategy, business model and the overall policies as applicable to the business operations,
- Contribute relevant technical and independent governance knowledge to assist the Board to effectively discharge its mandate and to exercise its fiduciary responsibilities,
- Promote accountability principles to ensure that the Executive Management achieves the organisation's vision and financial sustainability,
- Exercise independent oversight on the management of strategic risks within the organisation and review the implementation of the required risk mitigation strategies by Executive Management,
- Ensure the submission of the required statutory reports to the shareholder and other statutory bodies in line with the stipulated timeframes and statutory compliance requirements,
- Attend Board and Committee meetings in accordance with the approved Annual Corporate calendar and the approved annual Committee work plan,
- Contribute towards and positively impact strategic level discussions during Board and/or Committee meetings.

Role Requirements:

In-depth understanding of the following:

- Water sector, private and public sector governance | Statutory compliance requirements for SOEs, the Water Services Act, PFMA, Treasury Regulations and other legislation applicable to SOEs | Applicable accounting standards and compliance requirements applicable to SOEs | Treasury Management | Interpretation of financial statements | Strategy formulation and oversight | Policy Review and Formulation | Human Capital management and legislation and policies applicable to employees of SOEs | Risk and Compliance Management | Stakeholder Relations Management | IT Governance.

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

- Appropriate Recognized Tertiary Qualification at NQF Level 8 or equivalent relevant experience,
- Experience in one or more of the following areas:
 - Engineering and science with demonstrable experience, expertise and specialisation in water services management, water resource management, water project management, environmental management, construction management,
 - Commercial law, corporate governance, compliance and risk management, financial management, human resources management, supply chain management stakeholder relations management and information and communications technology (ICT) management.
- Appropriate knowledge, understanding and experience in exercising fiduciary duties in accordance with the provisions of the PFMA and WSA, King IV Code on Good Corporate Governance in South Africa (King IV), the Companies Act and other applicable relevant legislation,
- Seasoned business/professional expertise with extensive experience and requisite skills set in serving on a Board and/or Board Structures of a private and/or public sector entity.
- At least three (3) years' experience as a non-executive director in a governance centered organisation, preferably in the Water Sector or related Sector.

- Proven experience as a Senior Manager or Executive in an organisation similar to Lepelle Northern Water and experience interacting at Board/Committee level.
- Personal attributes of objectivity, integrity, good reputation, commitment and should be a South African citizen.

Added Advantage:

- A Chartered Director (SA) or Certified Director or membership of a relevant professional body to demonstrate sound knowledge underpinned by the Director Competency Framework in line with the IoDSA or other professional body, as well as demonstrated depth and breadth of knowledge, skills, and experience.

SKILLS AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- In depth knowledge of corporate governance principles | Mandatory legislative and regulatory framework governing Water Utilities and SOEs | Appreciation of broad economic, commercial and financial trends | Strategic / high-level decision making and strategic oversight | An analytical mind and problem solving skills | Political astuteness and awareness | Relationship building and conflict management | Attention to detail | Communication skills | Integrity and sound judgment | Objectivity | Emotional intelligence.

GROUND FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

A potential nominee will not be considered to hold office as a member of the Board if he/she is inter alia, is an unrehabilitated insolvent, has been previously convicted of any offence involving dishonesty, fraud and/or sentenced to imprisonment without an option of a fine and/or is disqualified in law to hold the office of director.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Upon appointment, the Minister reserves the right to conduct probity checks (criminal and civil records; reference checks; verification of qualifications and experience; credit record and integrity test). The nominee's signed acceptance. No person may nominate or second more than one candidate.

REMUNERATION

Board members shall be paid in accordance with the approved policy on remuneration.

Candidates who are already in the employ of an organ of State should take note that they will not be entitled to receive remuneration, according to the National Treasury Circular of January 2023.

APPLICATION/NOMINATION PROCESS:

Individual members of the public are invited to submit nominations for suitably qualified and experienced persons to be considered for appointment as members of the Board.

Nominations forms are available from Lepelle Northern Water's website www.lepellewater.co.za.

An individual nomination form for appointment to the Board must be signed by a proposer and seconded, none of whom may be the nominee.

Applications/nominations must contain the following:

1. The CV of the person applying/nominated,
2. A copy of the Identification Document (ID) of the person applying/nominated; and
3. A letter of motivation of no more than two pages in length to Lepelle Northern Water indicating the suitability of the nominated person/applicant for appointment as a non-executive member of the Lepelle Northern Water Board.

Applications/Nominations should be sent electronically to the email address: cosec@lepelle.co.za and marked for the attention of **The Company Secretary: Ms Ziyanda Ngwenya**: Head Office: 01 Landros Mare Street, POLOKWANE, 0700 or for Enquiries call +27 15 295 1808.

CLOSING DATE: 28 February 2025

DISCLAIMER:

- *In evaluating prospective applicants and making the final selection, consideration will be given to promoting Lepelle Northern Water's Equity and Diversity Objectives. If candidates have not received feedback within 30-days, it should be assumed that their application was not successful.*

Premier Ramathuba lauds President Ramaphosa's focus on water security



Limpopo Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba.

LIMPOPO - Limpopo Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba applauded President Cyril Ramaphosa's decisive focus on water security.

The premier was responding to President Ramaphosa's State of the Nation Address. Ramathuba indicated that communities have struggled with water shortages for years.

She appreciated the president's recognition that many rural municipalities lack the financial and technical capacity to ensure sustainable water supply.

"We have engaged with the Department of Water and Sanitation to find practical solutions, particularly in Polokwane Municipality, where water and infrastructure challenges persist. Our Executive Council is finalising a water provision strategy to ensure every municipality can meet both economic and social needs in alignment with your (Ramaphosa's) intentions," stated Ramathuba.

The premier added that reducing the cost of living in rural areas is key to unlocking economic growth.

Ramathuba further praised Ramaphosa's R940 billion infrastructure investment plan as a game-changer.

"For too long, apartheid spatial planning left rural communities disconnected from economic opportunities. This investment will reshape our province – connecting people to jobs, markets and essential services," remarked Ramathuba.

She further lauded public-private partnerships as effectively providing. "The near-completion of the Steelpoort Bridge, built in collaboration with the mining sector, is a testament to what we can achieve when government and business work together," indicated Ramathuba.

The premier added that the R120 billion pledged during the province's 2024 investment conference is materialising and mining companies in Fetakgomo-Tubatse are pioneering solar energy projects.

"At Fetakgomo-Tubatse Industrial Park, companies are operational, creating jobs and stimulating local economies. The full optimisation of the SEZ will be transformative. We are not waiting for opportunities; we are creating them," pointed out Ramathuba.

ANC Sekhukhune regional leadership meets ward 19 constituency



Attendees of the meeting on services in ward 19 where the ANC Sekhukhune regional leadership, led by RTT Coordinator, Tala Mathope (pictured) joined the community members.

DINDELA - ANC Sekhukhune region leadership recently extended its functionality monitoring programme to the KV Motha branch and further formed part of community meeting in Dindela Village, ward 19.

The ANC convened the gathering to provide Ward Councillor Phahlana Masimula a platform to present a governance report to his constituency.

Having a good working relationship with traditional leaders, the need for electrification of some villages, challenges around the RDP housing, unequipped boreholes, the unavailability of water trucks' services and crime took the centre stage of the meeting.

Tala Mathope, ANC Sekhukhune RTT Coordinator, pledged to intervene and ensure that the community's challenges are addressed.

Mathope urged ANC deployees in

Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) to address the matter of boreholes and water challenges at large.


SDM representatives at the meeting committed to attend to water problems in the area through assessment of the infrastructure and avail a progress report to that effect.

The representatives further pledged to address the truck drivers to ensure that services go to masses.

Mathope emphasised that every issue will be escalated to its relevant department and the office will work tirelessly to ensure there is intervention.

He indicated that the meeting was not talk show. "It's a solution finding platform. It will open doors that did not open before when you tried to. I will give your councillors the necessary support they need as I urge you to do so too," concluded Mathope.





LEBALELO WATER USER ASSOCIATION

Established in terms of Section 92(1) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36. of 1998) Government Gazette No 89/23053

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Lebalelo Water User Association was established in terms of Section 92(1) of the National Water Act to provide bulk raw water from the Olifants River to its members on the Eastern Limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex. The Association further works in collaboration with and supports the Department of Water and Sanitation as well as the Sekhukhune District Municipality in the operation and maintenance of their potable water schemes within the Association's area of operations. For more information on the Association, please visit <https://lebalelo.co.za>.

Reference No.	LWUA-25004
Type of Contract	Permanent
Salary / Job Grade	B Upper
Locations	Havercroft / Polokwane / Pretoria

- Location:** There are three positions available at the Association's offices located in Havercroft (Modubeng), Polokwane and Pretoria;
- Objectives:** The objective of this role is to ensure the smooth running of the Association's administration activities and offices;
- Key Result Areas:** Manage the reception area of the offices where the incumbent is stationed (incoming calls and visitors). Schedule and manage office calendars, meetings (agenda and minutes) and events. Maintain accurate records of office's activities and documents. Maintain and update office databases to ensure accuracy and confidentiality. Ensure effective communication internally and with external parties (clients, vendor, visitors). Draft and edit documents and presentations as required. Manage administrative tasks as required by the office. Comply with Association's Health and Safety standards;
- Minimum Qualifications:** Certificate in secretarial studies or office administration;
- Additional Qualifications:** Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications; and
- Minimum Work Experience:** Minimum of 3 years of experience working as an office administrator.

Application Process: To apply, please submit a detailed Curriculum Vitae to: ommrecruitment@lebalelo.co.za. Please quote the reference number in the subject line.

Closing Date: 07 March 2025. Should you not have been contacted by 20 March 2025, please consider your application unsuccessful.

The Association subscribes to the promotion of equal opportunities through fair treatment of its workforce as well as applicants for employment. Only candidates with South African citizenship will be considered. Please note no deviations to minimum qualifications will be accommodated.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Ref: LP30/5/1/1/2/15798PR

Notice:

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 41(2) (c) (i), section K of the regulations published in the Government Notice No: 984 under Chapter 6 of the National Environmental Management Act 109 of 1998 & in terms of Minerals and Petroleum Development Act 28 of 2002 (MPRDA) the intention by **TIRHANI RESOURCES (PTY) LTD** to Apply for a **Prospecting Right for Iron Ore, Vanadium Ore, Phosphate Ore, Chrome Ore, and Platinum Group Metals (PGM)**, and the related Infrastructural activities on the Remaining Extent, Portion 1, 11,12,15,23, and 42 at **Ephraim Local Municipality, Sekhukhune District**. Tirhani Resources has appointed **SHANATSI GEOSCIENCE AFRICA (PTY) LTD** to undertake the **EIA process** for the proposed project.

Project Description:

The proposed development entails the **Prospecting Right for Iron Ore, Vanadium Ore, Phosphate Ore, Chrome Ore, and Platinum Group Metals (PGM)**, and the related Infrastructural activities on the Remaining Extent, Portion 1, 11,12,15,23, and 42 at **Ephraim Local Municipality, Sekhukhune District**.

EAP:

SHANATSI GEOSCIENCE AFRICA (PTY) LTD has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed project. Comments on the proposed project can be submitted in writing to Shanatsi Geoscience Africa (Pty) Ltd via email, fax, or post. In this regard, please contact: **Oscar Miyambu** at:

P.O.BOX 21 POLOKWANE 0700	SHANATSI GEOSCIENCE AFRICA (Pty) Ltd	Tel: 072 506 4659 Fax: 086 602 5442 Email: miyambumo@gmail.com
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Comments should be forwarded within 30 days.

A Background Information Document (BID) providing further details on the project will be available on request from **Shanatsi Geoscience Africa (Pty) Ltd**.

PROJECT LOCATION

COORDINATES:

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Limpopo
Premier of Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, said the R120 billion pledged at the 2024 investment conference is currently materialising, with mining companies in Fetakgomo-Tubatse pioneering solar energy projects, while the first six solar-powered electric vehicle charging stations along the N1, and seven more on the N11, are coming online soon.

Ramathuba said when responding to President Cyril Ramaphosa's State of Nation Address (SONA) during the SONA debate held at the National Assembly in Cape Town on Wednesday 12 February 2024.

The premier indicated that at the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Industrial Park, companies are operational, creating jobs and stimulating local economies.

“The full optimisation of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) will be transformative. We are not waiting for opportunities, we are creating them,” she said.

Ramathuba informed the Parliament that Limpopo is poised to be at the heart of South Africa's global engagement, hosting key G20 meetings on agriculture, financial architecture, the digital economy, and health, which positions the province as a driver of sustainable development.

"Our Marula belt in Mopani, alongside the 70% of Kruger National Park within Limpopo, will showcase our natural beauty and rich heritage to the world. Mr President, we welcome the decisive focus on water security. For years, our communities have struggled with water shortages. We appreciate your recognition that many rural municipalities lack the financial and technical capacity to ensure sustainable water supply," she said.

Premier Ramathuba added that the province has engaged the Department of Water and Sanitation to find

practical solutions, particularly in Polokwane Municipality, where water and infrastructure challenges persist.

She said the province will focus on reducing the cost of living in rural areas as a key to unlocking economic growth.

“Your R940 billion infrastructure investment plan is a game-changer. For too long, apartheid spatial planning left rural communities disconnected from economic opportunities. This investment will reshape our province - connecting people to jobs, markets, and essential services,” informed Ramathuba.

She endorsed the public-private partnerships, stating that they are proving effective with the near-completion of the Steelpoort Bridge, built in collaboration with the mining sector, is serving as a testament to what the province can achieve when government and business work together.

Ramathuba commended the province's initiative to capacitate TVET colleges and the Sekhukhune Mining Academy which was endorsed by efforts of local communities and the royal family, set to equip youth with skills to thrive in the sector.

The premier hailed her province for best performance in the 2024 matric results, stating that she was happy that they are no longer at the tail end of Grade 12 results.

“We have moved from last place to 6th nationally, achieving an 85.01% pass rate. Our goal is clear, we are aiming even higher in 2025. We are also in the final stages of eradicating pit latrines in schools, ensuring that no child suffers the fate of young Michael Komape ever again,” she said.

In conclusion, Ramathuba said the province is currently strengthening local government capacity, investing in roads and infrastructure, and ensuring that municipalities can effectively serve the people.

DA Sekhukhune calls for immediate removal of Elias Motsoaledi Ward 30 Councillor

ELIAS MOTSOALEDI - The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Sekhukhune has called on the African National Congress (ANC) in the region to immediately suspend the membership of the recently elected ANC Ward Councillor in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Ward 30, Tobias Malope.

This is after Malope was arrested and charged with two counts of extortion committed at Roosenekal area.

Malope, who first appeared in court on 13 January 2025 on extortion charges at a construction site along the R555 Road, was once again arrested on additional charges of extortion. On 26 January 2025, he appeared in court after a local mining company came forward with further extortion allegations against him. Nico Pienaar, DA Constituency Head in Sekhukhune, said the party is concerned because more than 30 days have passed since the first arrest, yet the ANC has failed to

suspend the councillor.

"This is clear evidence that the ANC does not take accountability seriously. Local government plays a critical role in delivering essential services, but once again, the ANC has chosen to stand with those who abuse their power instead of the people they are meant to serve, and this is unacceptable," said Pienaar.

He added that the mining industry in Sekhukhune is vital for job creation and economic growth, however, corruption and intimidation are forcing mining companies to shut down, worsening the unemployment crisis.

“We should be supporting the mining sector, not driving away investors through extortion and political interference. While political parties should be prioritising service delivery and job creation, the ANC has once again shown its true colours - not only enriching itself but protecting those who engage in corruption. The only thing holding back the



The DA is Sekhukhune demanding the ANC in the region to remove EMLM Ward 30 Councillor, Tobias Malope after he was charged with two counts of extortion.

jewel that is Sekhukhune is the ANC," Pienaar said.

Pienaar assured that the party will continue to fight against corruption, protect businesses from political exploitation, and most importantly, ensure that local government serves people and not the pockets of corrupt politicians.