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## Elias Motsoaledi SOMA focus on accelerating services

### GROBLERSDAL

The Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), Cllr David Tladi has assured residents he will continue to speed up service delivery.

Tladi was speaking during the State of the Municipal Address (SOMA) held at Groblersdal Rugby Stadium on the 24 July 2025.

Tladi said the purpose of the SOMA was to account for the period 01st July 2024 to 30 June 2025 and further outline key priorities for the 2025/26 financial year. "This is the opportunity to present and highlight the journey and achievements of this council. This is a moment to reflect on the past, assess the present and look towards the future." Tladi said money allocated to his municipality is used effectively. "As we gather here today to deliberate on this budget, we do so with a deep understanding that every rand we allocate, every programme we implement, must serve to uplift those most in need."

He said Public Participation meetings were also successfully held in 31 Wards to source community inputs for both the 2025/2026 IDP and Budget. On service delivery, he said for the year under review 2024/2025 only five road projects (Kgobokwane/Kgaphamadi, Malaeneng A Ntwane, Mokomung, Maraganeng and one Tafelkop Stadium Refurbishment and Upgrade) were constructed utilising MIG grant.

One of six projects was completed at Malaeneng A Ntwane as at 30 June 2025 and the other five over-lapped to the subsequent financial year as they are multi-year projects.

Groblersdal Landfill project was brought to halt due to project design that needed to be revised and will be deferred to 2025/26 for implementation.





Dignitaries from different parts of Limpopo Province and beyond attending the EMLM SOMA in Groblersdal

He reiterated that the initial MIG allocation budget was R71 278 795.00. "Due to the municipality outstanding performance in the implementation of MIG projects, CoGTA allocated additional Seventeen Million Rands (R17 000 000.00) during National budget re-gazetting period in March 2025 and the budget was spent 100% by end of the financial year."

On access roads, Tladi said the municipality has re-gravelling road programme in place to gravel roads in all wards.

"Municipality extended the maintenance teams to accelerate its services to every ward through satellite offices. The long-term strategy of the municipality is to surface roads within municipal area even though municipality relies on Grants for roads projects." Still on roads, the mayor said to improve accessibility to villages, 65km of internal roads were re-gravelled. "The municipality was able to strengthen and empower its maintenance team with resources through the procurement new yellow machinery and fleet: four CAT Motor Graders, two double-cab bakkies, two single-cab bakkies, and one Quantum combi." On electricity, Tladi said the municipality's free basic electricity budget for the period of July 2024 to June 2025 was R8.8 million to support over 7,126 households with free basic electricity from July 2024 to June 2025.

Tladi once again highlighted they need a cleaner environment. He said his municipality is proud to provide weekly refuse removal services using the kerbside method for households in Motetema, Hlogotlou, Groblersdal, Roosenekal (both Town and RDP), Elandsdoorn, and Walter Sisulu. This method not only ensures that

waste is collected efficiently but also promotes responsible waste disposal among our residents. "We believe that a clean environment starts at home, and we are committed to making it easier for our community to participate in keeping our surroundings clean."

According to the mayor, the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality is committed to the development of the youth and recognizes that they are the future of our communities. "The Mayoral Bursary Fund supports students from underprivileged backgrounds, providing financial assistance to help them pursue their academic goals. To celebrate a weighty milestone in our commitment to education and the empowerment of our youth. In the 2024/2025 financial year, we proudly supported 40 students, each receiving R10,000 to aid their educational pursuits in fields that align with our municipality's developmental needs." Outlining the budget, Tladi said the total operating expenditure budget for 2025/2026 amount to R753 million reflecting the increase of R 24 million over the 2024/2025 budget year which is equivalent to an increase of 3 per cent. He said the increases on key expenditure cost drivers will be as follows in 2025/2026: The employee's remuneration cost and bulk purchases amounts to R 210 million and R 150 million respectively which represent 48 per cent of a total operating expenditure. The audited operating expenditure amounts to R727 million for 2023/2024. He added, "the total capital expenditure for 2025/2026 amount to R99 million reflecting a decrease of R75 million over the 2024/2025 adjusted budget,"



Residents from different parts of EMLM packed the Groblersdal Stadium during the SOMA event.

## Dikgerekgere Wednesday brings hope to Ephraim Mogale residents



The D2534 Road getting a facelift from the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure's Dikgerekgere Wednesday initiative.

### EPHRAIM MOGALE

On Wednesday 23 July 2025, the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, has embarked on an ambitious Dikgerekgere Wednesday project to improve the conditions of the D2534 Road in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM).

The department's team from Tsimanyane Cost Centre undertook the task of repairing the D2534 Road, a critical route that spans a total length of 29.6 km.

The road plays a vital role in regional connectivity, linking key areas such as Marble Hall, Zebediela, Tompi Seleka Agricultural College, and the Schuinsdraai Nature Reserve.

According to the department, the improvement of the road will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the lives of residents and visitors alike.

The department's efforts are part of the Dikgerekgere Wednesday initiative, a flagship programme aimed at improving the lives of communities through infrastructure development.

The initiative was launched by the department with focuses on delivering tangible results and making a meaningful impact on the ground, while investing in infrastructure development, creating jobs and stimulating economic growth, transportation of goods and services as well as improving the overall quality of life for Limpopo residents.

The newly improved D2534 Road conditions will reduce travel times, improve access to essential services, including healthcare, education, and employment opportunities and enhance the overall safety of road users.

The road will also facilitate in boosting local economic activity and creating new opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs.

The Tompi Seleka Agricultural College, which is located along this road, will also benefit from the improved road conditions. Students and staff will have easier access to the college, and the transportation of agricultural produce and equipment will be facilitated with ease.

### SECTION 24G APPLICATION FOR THE UNLAWFUL COMMENCEMENT OF ASPHALT, READY MIX, CRUSHER PLANT, SCREENING, CEMENT BRICKS AND CHROME WASHPLANT AT STEELPOORT, AT PORTION 11 OF FARM SPITZKOP 333 KT WITHIN FETAKGOMO-TUBATSE OF SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT.

Notice of a Public Participation Process is hereby given in terms of Chapter 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations published in Government Notice No. R983, 2014 as amended, regarding the following:

Section 24G (rectification of unlawful commencement of listed activities) Application for the Unlawful Construction of Asphalt, Ready Mix, Crusher Plant, Screening, Cement Bricks and Chrome Washplant at Steelpoort on Portion 11 Of Farm Spitzkop 333 KT within Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality of Sekhukhune District.

**Location:** Steelpoort along R555 (Portion 11 Of Farm Spitzkop 333 KT)

**Listed Activities:** GNR 983 Listing Notice 1 - Listed Activities 27

**Exemption:** No application for any exemption is sought.

**Opportunity to participate:** Interested and Affected Parties are invited to register interest within the process, or provide written comments within 30 days of this notice. The project title, your full name, contact details, plus indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest you may have in this application must please be provided and fully described.

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# ANC Sekhukhune hands over new church



ANC Sekhukhune Regional Secretary, Tala Mathope, joined by PEC Convenor of Deployees Dr. Phophi Ramathuba, cutting the ribbon to officially unveil the newly constructed New Jerusalem Church at Makhutjo Village.

**MAKHUTJO**  
The African National Congress (ANC) in Sekhukhune Region, led by Regional Secretary Tala Mathope and PEC Convenor of Deployees Dr. Phophi Ramathuba, officially handed over a new church to the congregation of New Jerusalem Church at Makhutjo Village in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) Ward 31.

The new church building initiative is a result of the ANC's intervention in response to the congregation's struggles to build a proper structure.

In 2024, the ANC visited the church and discovered that services were being conducted under a tree.

During that time, the ANC promised to intervene and build a proper structure, and true to their word, they have delivered a beautiful new church building.

The newly handed over church building includes an office and storage space, proper toilets for both males and

females, a fence and gate, paved yard, and electricity installation.

During the hand over, the political party also donated 200 chairs to the congregation. Addressing the hand over, Mathope highlighted the importance of making a difference and touching lives.

"We are proud to have been able to make a positive impact on the lives of the congregation and the community. We believe that everyone deserves a safe and comfortable place to worship, and we are happy to have been able to provide that for the New Jerusalem Church congregation," he said.

The congregation and church leadership appreciated the ANC's work and vowed to take care of the infrastructure and continue praying for the people.

"We are grateful for the ANC's intervention and promise to take good care of the new church building," said a member of the congregation.



The newly improved New Jerusalem Church was officially handed over by the ANC in Sekhukhune Region after getting a facelift.



ANC Secretary in Sekhukhune Region, Tala Mathope, addressing the congregants during the official hand over of the New Jerusalem Church at Makhutjo Village.

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION BY:  
MARBLE HALL SAND ASSOCIATION (PTY) LTD**

Notice is hereby given in terms of EIA Regulation 41(2) (c) of the Regulations, under the Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)

Marble Hall Sand Association (Pty) Ltd applied for a **Mining Permit** for mineral **Sand (General)** only in terms of Section 27 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002. The project will be following the Basic Assessment Report procedures in terms of regulation 41(3) (b) (i) of the NEMA: EIA Regulation, 2014. The project will trigger Activity 21 of Listing Notice (LN) 1 of the EIA Regulations "Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity as contained in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required to exercise the mining permit.". The applications cover farm:

**VOGELSTRUISKOPJE 639 KS**  
**DMRE REF: LP 30/5/1/3/2/12952MP.**

Located in the magisterial district of **Makhuduthamaga**. You can be involved in the Public Participation Process by:

- sending a fax, email or mail with your name, contact details and concerns/questions relating to the project.
- Providing us with the names of additional people that can be contacted.

All correspondence be received within **30 days from receipt of these notice** will be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources & Energy (DMRE). All issues raised during the public participation process will responded to in writing to the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). I&AP include all parties concerned, who will be affected by the project and interested in the prospecting/exploration project. The Basic Assessment Report & Environmental Management Plan (EMP & BAR) and Background Information Document (BID) is available at the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality. This information can also be requested via email.

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**DATE OF NOTICE:** 01 August 2025



## Groblersdal man arrested for R1.3 million vehicle finance fraud

### GROBLERSDAL

The Hawks' Serious Commercial Crime Investigation, Hawks' Serious Corruption Investigation, and Sekhukhune Tracing Team, have arrested a 27-year-old suspect, Jason Khomotjo Rantho, at Groblersdal on Saturday 26 July 2025 in connection with fraud of a motor vehicle purchase worth over one million rand.

Warrant Officer Lethunya Mmuroa, Hawks Spokesperson in Limpopo, said the suspect is accused of assisting another individual to defraud WesBank of over R1.3 million, by using fraudulent documents to secure a motor vehicle finance application for a Ford Ranger Raptor.

"According to the investigation, the accused applied for the vehicle finance in April 2023, attaching a bank statement and employer's payslip to support the application. The application was processed and approved, and the accused collected the vehicle from a dealership in Polokwane accompanied by two men. However, the accused failed to make payments, and WesBank conducted a forensic audit that revealed the use of fraudulent

documents," explained Mmuroa.

He added that during the investigation, the Hawks' Serious Commercial Crime Investigation in Polokwane was contacted for assistance, and an investigation was conducted that led to the arrest of the first accused suspect on 2 January 2024.

"Further investigations revealed that Rantho assisted the accused in defrauding and collecting the vehicle from the dealership. He appeared in the Specialised Commercial Crimes Court sitting in Polokwane on Monday 28 July 2025, and was granted a R10 000 bail. The case was postponed to 20 August 2025," said Mmuroa.

Provincial Head of the Hawks in Limpopo Province, Major General (Adv) Gopz Govender, welcomed the arrest of the suspect and expressed confidence that the Hawks' SCCI team will crack the case.

"The Hawks are committed to investigating and bringing to justice individuals who engage in fraudulent activities. We are confident that our team will work tirelessly to ensure that justice is served in this case," she said.



Jason Khomotjo Rantho from Groblersdal was arrested after allegedly assisting another suspect to defraud WesBank of over R1.3 million in a fraudulent Ford Raptor purchase.

## DA calls for full enquiry into failing Great North Transport

### LIMPOPO

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo is urging the provincial government to establish a full, open, and transparent enquiry into Great North Transport (GNT) amid concerns over its financial mismanagement and dysfunction.

According to the party, the call comes as Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba consider another multi-million rand bailout for the struggling state-owned bus company.

According to Jacques Smalle, DA Provincial Spokesperson for Limpopo Economic Development, the Environment, and Tourism (LEDET), the party believes that all further funding to GNT should be reconsidered pending the outcome of such an enquiry and the implementation of meaningful governance reform.

"Unless the root causes of GNT's collapse are acknowledged and decisively addressed, any attempt to revive it will simply throw more good money after bad, and enable further reckless governance," he said.

GNT, which once operated 540 buses across 200 routes and transported 36 million passengers annually, has been reduced to just 23 operational buses.

Despite various turnaround attempts, including a fleet renewal plan in 2013, a formal turnaround strategy in 2017, and another turnaround drive in 2021/2022, the company remains on the brink of collapse.

Smalle indicated that the DA is concerned that efforts are being made to divert R93 million earmarked for bus procurement to cover outstanding debts



The DA in Limpopo is demanding Premier Phophi Ramathuba to establish a full enquiry to probe the ailing GNT state-owned bus company.



The collapsing GNT, which once operated 540 buses across 200 routes and transported 36 million passengers annually in the province, has dramatically reduced to operating with only 23 buses.

instead.

He said the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) report adopted by the Limpopo Legislature recently describes GNT as a "fiscal black hole" and raises serious concerns about its viability.

"The SCOPA report highlights chronic governance failures tolerated by the LEDET and the Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA). The report also notes the ongoing failure of Limpopo's Executive to implement SCOPA resolutions, including repeated calls to halt funding to GNT," informed Smalle.

He said in the enquiry, the party demands a full, open,

and transparent investigation into GNT, a reconsideration of further funding to GNT pending the outcome of the enquiry and implementation of meaningful governance reform, accountability and action from Premier Ramathuba and the ANC over the collapse of GNT.

"The DA believes that further funding for GNT is futile without first cleaning out its governance and administration through a full and transparent enquiry. We are calling on the provincial government to prioritize accountability and good governance over propping up a failing public entity," concluded Smalle.

## EPMLM and DoHA bring services closer to the people

### EPHRAIM MOGALE

The Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM), partnered with the Department of Home Affairs (DoHA), brought services closer to the people through the EPMLM Speaker's ID Outreach Programme.

The programme, which kick-started on Wednesday 23 July 2025, targeted several schools and communities in the municipality, including Mahlontebe Secondary School in EPMLM Ward 8, Ngwanakwena Secondary School EPMLM Ward 9, Hututu Secondary School EPMLM Ward 10, and Mafato abo Kgwale in EPMLM Ward 16.

According to the municipality, the Speaker's ID Outreach Campaign Programme aimed to provide the community with applications for new ID documents and temporary Identity documents, cutting travelling costs for civilians who travel long distances for the department's services.

The programme also targeted



Residents of EPMLM out in numbers to get services from the DoHA mobile offices during the EPMLM Speaker Rebecca Lentsoane's Outreach Programme.

matriculants, assisting them with necessary documents when writing their exams later this year.

EPMLM Speaker, Cllr Rebecca Lentsoane, said the partnership with the Home Affairs Department was part of the municipality's efforts to promote civil registration across all ages and to the community at large.

"We have partnered with the Department of Home Affairs in their ID campaign to help out with the learners to apply for IDs and particularly targeting

matriculants in an effort to assist them with necessary documents when writing their exams later this year," said Lentsoane.

The programme continued around the municipality, with several other places visited including Manapjane Community Hall, Keerom Community Hall, Malebitisa Community Hall, Matlereking Pink Hall, ElandsKraal Satellite Office, Regae Community Hall, Rakgwadi Tribal Office and Manapjane Community Hall.



## FTLM celebrates quarterly achievements



FTLM EXCO Members applauded the municipality's 4th Quarter achievements.

### BURGERSFORT

The Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) Council, has on Friday 25 July 2025, held its 2024/2025 4th quarter EXCO Lekgotla, a platform where the administration presents reports to the Executive Committee under the period review.

The EXCO Lekgotla was addressed by FTLM Mayor, Cllr Eddie Maila, reflecting on the progress made in delivery of services to the communities during the 4th Quarter.

In his address, Maila praised the administration for their sterling work in stabilizing the institution.

He noted that the municipality is doing well in terms of governance and sound financial management.

"We have made significant progress in our efforts to deliver services to our communities, and I am proud of the work that our administration has done," said Maila.

The Mayor highlighted several achievements recorded in the 4th Quarter, including 100% spending on conditional grants, progress on the Mashifane Park Water Reticulation and Sewer Projects, and the appointment of a service provider for the construction of Kgopaneng Sports Complex Phase 2.

Other notable achievements include the successful IDP and budget public consultation programme, progress on the construction of Maepa, Dresden, Mashung, and Magakala Access Roads, and progress on

the electrification of several areas.

Maila indicated that the municipality also made significant strides in human resource development, with 29 new personnel appointments.

Additionally, the 2025/2026 fully funded budget was adopted, demonstrating the municipality's commitment to sound financial management.

The Mayor urged management to continue working hard to improve performance and assist the council in delivering services to the communities.

He also cautioned against laziness and absenteeism amongst officials, emphasizing the importance of maintaining work ethics and providing quality services to stakeholders and communities.

The EXCO Lekgotla noted the positive spending on conditional grants, especially Municipal Infrastructure Grants and Integrated National Electrification Programmes.

The Mayor further appealed for accelerated spending on own-funded projects, highlighting the need for efficient and effective use of resources.

"We are proud of the progress we have made, but we are not complacent. We will continue to work hard to improve our services and deliver on our promises to the communities we serve," said Maila.

He said the municipality is working towards the attainment of a Clean Audit opinion in the 2025/2026 financial year.

## Dennilton man gets life imprisonment for raping 8-year-old minor

### DENNILTON

The South African Division of the High Court, sitting in Polokwane, has on Friday 25 July 2025 sentenced a 45-year-old man to direct life imprisonment for raping an 8-year-old girl in Dennilton.

According to the police, the accused, who cannot be named to protect the identity of the minor, was found guilty of rape after a thorough trial.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the rape incident occurred on 23 December 2023, at around 11pm, when the victim was sleeping with her family members at her aunt's house in Taereng Section, Dennilton.

"The accused, who had offered the family a room to sleep, sneaked into the room and lured the child to another room where he raped her. The victim's family discovered her missing when they heard her screaming, and upon inspecting the house, they found her naked and raped in one of the

rooms," explained Ledwaba.

He said following the ordeal, the victim was taken to the hospital, and the matter was reported to the Dennilton Police Station, where it was later transferred to the Groblersdal Family Violence, Child Protection, and Sexual Offences Unit (FCS), which investigated the case, and the accused was initially arrested on 27 December 2023.

"Although the case was withdrawn at the Moutse Magistrate's Court in Dennilton, the investigating officer continued to work diligently, and a warrant of arrest was issued after DNA results positively linked the accused to the crime. He was re-arrested at his workplace in Witbank, Mpumalanga Province," explained Ledwaba.

He said the police investigation was led by Sergeant Tsheola Lethuba of the Groblersdal FCS, who worked tirelessly to ensure that justice was served.

Ledwaba added that the court proceedings continued until 24 July 2025, when the



Sergeant Tsheola Lethuba of the Groblersdal FCS conducted an investigation that led to the conviction of the suspect.

accused was found guilty of rape and sentenced to direct life imprisonment.

"The court also declared him unfit to possess a firearm and unfit to work with children. His details will be registered in the National Register for Sexual Offenders and Part B of the National Protectional Register," Ledwaba said.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, welcomed the court decision, stating: "The Family Violence Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit will continue with their good work to prevent crime and bring perpetrators thereof to justice."



## PUBLIC NOTICE

## PROCUREMENT SCAM ALERT

Thembisile Hani Local Municipality has noted with concern the continuous procurement scams that occur when the Municipality advertises tenders. In the recent scam that has come to our attention, fraudsters are falsely claiming that they are members of the Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC), and ask prospective service providers for money in exchange for favourable consideration for the construction of Boekenhouthoek (Mohlamonyane) Bus Road tender.

Victims are falsely promised appointment as service providers. One of the phone numbers used in this scam is **063 659 2876**.

We strongly distance ourselves from these fraudulent activities. As a public institution, Thembisile Hani Local Municipality does not and will never request any money from prospective bidders in exchange for appointment to provide goods or services.

We urge all prospective bidders to remain vigilant and take note of the following important guidelines:

- All procurement opportunities are advertised in national newspapers, the e-Tender portal, and on the official municipal website.
- The Municipality communicates with bidders only via official telephone numbers (**013 986 9100**) or email addresses using our official domain name, and always includes a formal signature with the sender's full name, position title, and contact details.

The Municipality is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity and full compliance with applicable legislation, including the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, especially regarding procurement processes.

Any suspected scams should be reported immediately to the South African Police Service (SAPS).

You may also report fraud anonymously through our Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Hotline: **0800 141 816**.

Mr. D.J.D. Mahlangu  
Municipal Manager  
Thembisile Hani Local Municipality  
25 July 2025

"To build a truly African City that is citizen centred and driven"



FTLM Mayor, Cllr Eddie Maila, says he is satisfied with the progress made by the municipality in the 4th Quarter.



# Two men arrested for murder in separate incidents

**BURGERSFORT/MARBLE HALL**

The police in Limpopo have arrested two male suspects, aged 32 and 38, in separate incidents for murder cases that occurred in the Burgersfort and Marble Hall policing areas.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said in the first incident, a 32-year-old man was arrested for murder in connection with the death of a man at Grootboom Farm in the Burgersfort policing area.

"The incident occurred on Saturday 26 July 2025, when the suspect and the victim were among a group of people gambling. A heated argument ensued between the two men over an alleged theft of R50, and the suspect left the scene before returning armed with a knife. He stabbed the victim in the upper body, and the victim collapsed. Witnesses at the scene apprehended the suspect and called the police," explained Ledwaba.

He added that the police arrived at the scene, and the victim was certified dead by Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

"The suspect was arrested and will appear before the Praktiseer Magistrate's Court facing charges of murder," Ledwaba said.

Furthermore, Ledwaba said in a separate incident, another suspect, a 38-year-old man, was arrested for murder at a tavern next to a taxi rank in Marble Hall Town.

"The police attended the scene of the crime in the early hours of Sunday 27 July 2025, and found the lifeless body of an unknown man lying in a pool of blood. The victim was certified dead at the scene by EMS," he said.

Ledwaba added that following the incident, the police registered a case of murder, where the suspect was successfully arrested and he will appear before the Marble Hall Periodical Magistrate's Court facing charges of murder.

"The police are committed to ensuring that perpetrators of violent crimes are brought to justice. We will continue to work tirelessly to keep our communities safe," concluded Ledwaba.



The police have arrested suspects in connection with two separate murders committed in Burgersfort and Marble Hall.



Nkgetheng Maabane  
Re-Kaofela Consortium

## This isn't a story, it's a journey.

My name is Nkgetheng Maabane, representing Re-Kaofela Consortium established in Limpopo in 2018. We are a leading service provider in installing underground secondary support in Steelpoort.

Born from ambition and united by a shared vision, my team is made up of individuals from diverse backgrounds, driven by a common goal: to carve our path in the mining industry together.

We were met with many challenges along the way, but we persevered, and that resilience led us to Glencore. We applied to Glencore's GIBS programme and ring-fencing initiatives, where we acquired skills and knowledge to transform our business and strengthen our services.

Thanks to the support we've received, our business has flourished, enabling us to provide essential underground secondary support services at Magareng Mine, where we've mastered roof bolts, cable anchors, and many other disciplines.

Today, Re-Kaofela Consortium stands tall, empowered to gaze toward the future with confidence and optimism.

## Quartet sentenced for murder



Sergeant Michael Magadani investigated the case

**LEBOWAKGOMO**

A 15 years imprisonment has been meted out against each of the four male accused by the Thabamooopo Magistrate court on Monday 28 July 2025.

Their incarceration emanated from the brutal murder incident of a 29 year-old male victim that occurred at Byldrift, Ga-Seloane village under Lebowakgomo policing area during September 2020.

The court noted that the victim was walking alone on the street when he met Karabelo Madirane Seloane (26), Promise Kgaphola (27), Terrence Seloane (28) and Denish Phaahla (33).

The accused suddenly attacked the victim with stones and later choked him until he passed away and they fled the scene on foot afterward. The deceased was positively identified at the scene by a relative as Pabalelo Shaku.

Following the incident, a murder case was opened at the local police station and a manhunt was launched. Sergeant Michael Magadani was tasked to investigate the matter and through his industrious abilities, he managed to apprehend the accused the following day at Ga-Seloane village.

The accused made numerous court appearances and were later granted bail until their imminent sentencing on Monday 28 July 2025. Provincial commissioner of SAPS in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe has appreciated the positive attitude that was displayed by Sergeant Makhadani in ridding this province of criminals who took an innocent life and left agony with the family through the untimely death of their loved one.



**We are looking for a strong candidate to join our winning team.**

At Marula we believe in bringing our A-game every day and **working together to determine our destiny** as a team and individuals. This takes someone who is ready to work with a dynamic, fast paced team who are **making a difference every single day**



**JOB TITLE:** Shift Supervisor

**OPENING DATE:** 28 July 2025

**DISTRIBUTION:** Internal & External

**BUSINESS UNIT:** Mining

**JOB GRADING:** C5

**CLOSING DATE:** 06 August 2025

**EMAIL APPLICATIONS TO:** [Marula.mining@implats.co.za](mailto:Marula.mining@implats.co.za)

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**PURPOSE OF THE JOB:** To ensure the production targets are achieved safely through effective management of people as well as physical and financial resources

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- Grade 12 plus a valid blasting certificate is essential
- A valid Production Supervisor Certificate of Competence is essential.
- Computer literacy (MS Office packages) is essential.
- Minimum of 7 years' experience as a Stope Miner is essential
- Minimum of 3-year experience as a Shift Supervisor on a Conventional Mine is essential.
- Technical working knowledge with regard to stoping, development, trackless machinery equipping, planning and safety policies, procedures and regulations.
- Knowledge with regard to mine standard's best practices, risk management and operational business objectives.
- A valid Code EB driver's licence.
- A valid Medical Certificate or be medically fit in order to obtain such a certificate is essential

**KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:**

The successful candidate is responsible for:

- Achieving daily and monthly targets w.r.t. safety and production.
- Monthly and daily planning.
- Consulting with line management and analyse operational needs.
- Alignment of Standards and Procedures to Training Material.
- Ensuring that HSE standards and legal requirements are adhered to.
- Managing discipline in the section.
- Co-ordinating, monitoring, coaching, and developing his/her team/crew

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**IMPORTANT:**

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- Waste & Environmental Management Coordinator
- Handyman

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- Heavy Plant Operator - Excavator Operator (Re-Advert)
- Light Duty Operator - Truck Driver (Re-Advert)
- Light Duty Operator - Tipper Truck Driver
- Process Controller
- Pump Operator

**Financial Services Department**

- Chief Fleet Officer
- Transport Officer

**Corporate Services Department**

- Senior Human Resources Officer Employee Benefits

**Planning & Economic Development Services Department**

- Business Admin Clerk

**CLOSING DATE**  
**08 AUGUST 2025**  
**@ 16H00**

Applications must be submitted through our Electronic Portal which can be found on [www.thembisilehanilm.gov.za](http://www.thembisilehanilm.gov.za) (and then click the eRecruitment tab on the top right of the screen). Applicants should register a profile to apply for any of the vacant positions and attach an application letter, detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV), together with qualifications and Identity Documents, which must be certified.

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## Thousands of children celebrate growth at ECD Junior Dipapadi Event



Children from different ECD centres in Sekhukhune performing and enjoying during the ECD Junior Dipapadi event held at the Monsterlus Stadium.



MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture in Limpopo, Jerry Maseko, says his department believes in investing early childhood development for the future of the whole province.

MONSTERLUS - The Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, leading by MEC Jerry Maseko, hosted the ECD Junior Dipapadi event on Friday 25 July 2025, at the Monsterlus Stadium in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM).

The event brought together thousands of children from various Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres, celebrating their growth and development while commemorating the closing of Mandela Month.

The day was filled with engaging activities designed to promote creativity, teamwork, and early childhood education.

During the sporting event, MEC Maseko expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all participants and organizers of the ECD Junior Dipapadi event, emphasizing the critical importance of investing in the future of our children.

"The ECD Junior Dipapadi is a sports and recreation programme for Early Childhood Development Centers, specifically taking place in commemoration of Mandela Month," Maseko stated.

He reflected on the vision of Nelson Mandela, who not only wanted "all children to feel loved but also envisioned a better future for them, a future where they have the opportunity to develop their talents and reach their full potential."

The MEC highlighted Mandela's belief that every child deserves access to quality education,

support, and resources that empower them to thrive and contribute positively to society.

Maseko said the department believes that investing in early childhood development is crucial for the future of the province and the country as a whole.

"Mandela's legacy continues to inspire efforts aimed at nurturing the growth and development of children, ensuring that they are equipped with the skills and confidence needed to succeed in life," Maseko added.

The ECD Junior Dipapadi event serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility to create an environment where children can flourish and achieve their dreams.

The event was attended by various dignitaries, including EMLM Mayor Cllr David Tladi, Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Executive Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula

and Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) Mayor Cllr Merah

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EMLM Mayor Cllr David Tladi

