

# FOOT-AND-MOUTHOUTBREAK: SA RESUMES EXPORTS

**South Africa** – The county is winning the battle to contain a foot-and-mouth (FMD) outbreak. On Monday 17 February minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development Thoko Didiza announced the lifting of a ban on the trade of livestock. In the 15 November 2019 issue of *Platinum Bushvelder*, we reported how the export of cloven-hoofed animals and related fresh products to Zimbabwe had been stopped following an outbreak of the disease in the Molemole District of Limpopo. Exports to eSwatini were also halted when reports of the outbreak reached that country. The ban was a necessary measure by the department to contain the disease and prevent it from spreading to other parts of the country. The good news is that the country can now resume its trade activities with the two countries, a clear sign that efforts by the department to contain the disease are bearing fruit. Said Didiza: “In our approach, we had to balance amongst a few variables, the risks and opportunity costs relating to the possible spread of the

disease, economic losses to the entire country and financial losses to stakeholders.” The ministers said auctions, which had also been banned, will now also resume under stringent conditions. “All livestock agents must be registered with the Agricultural Produce Agents Council,” said Didiza.



# WORKING TOWARDS A CLEANER NORTHAM

**Northam** – Thabazimbi Resident Association (TRA) took to the streets of Northam on Saturday 15 February during a clean-up campaign. They focused on cleaning up the areas around the taxi rank as well as businesses and urged business owners and other community members to always ensure their environment is kept clean. It was a busy day for the TRA members. They filled numerous black waste collection bags with rubbish. They then took the bags of rubbish, old tyres and other unwanted material to a collection point in Botha Street.

In an interview with *Platinum Bushvelder*, TRA chairperson Richard Kotsedi said: “We want to do this every month. We want our town to be clean, we cannot expect the Thabazimbi Local Municipality to do everything, we must all work together. We all have to do our part and take pride in our town”. TRA plans to clean up the streets of Thabazimbi during March. “We want to educate and bring the community together with this heartfelt effort. We are tired of the hawkers in town too, they do just as they want and do not care about the environment,” said TRA spokesperson Donald Sekgobela.





## MINE OVERSEER CERTIFICATE “A” PART

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**COURSE DATE AND VENUE**  
The classes are presented on a part time basis at **Lewende Woord Church, Swartklip**  
2 March to 26 March 2020  
Monday to Wednesdays  
17:00 to 20:00

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# TRAGIC END TO SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN

**Thabazimbi** – A concerned community member posted a call for help on Tuesday 18 February at around 08:00 on a WhatsApp group regarding Eddie Fourie, who had gone missing. Fourie was last seen on 17 February wearing only pyjama pants and no shoes. After receiving no response for several hours another community member called in the help of security companies to assist with the search for the missing man. Monster Security Service (MSS) immediately offered their assistance. A message was also sent out requesting anyone willing to help to meet at the Kwaggasvlakte turn-off at 13:30. MSS, Heritage Protection Group (HPG), Thabazimbi Crisis Control Centre (TCCC) and various members of the community all joined the search party. After a lengthy search, Fourie’s body was found on a smallholding in Kwaggasvlakte. Police spokesperson constable Titus Khumalo confirmed that a inquest docket was opened. A special thank you to MSS, HPG, TCCC and every community member who assisted with the search. In truly shows that in the face of adversity, the

Thabazimbi community can stand together. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Fourie’s family and friends. **Anyone with information regarding the case is requested to contact detective Poromi Abram Kgatla on 082 565 7939 or report to the nearest police station.**



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Malwela | Janisto & CK | VJ Nutty | DJ Complexion | Kaygee Da King & Bizizi | Cool B | Malcolm Diddy | Thakgie | Nape A Phaahle | Tindzimi | Naveta Baloyi

MCs: Clement Maosa | Mapaseka Koetle | Cornett Mamabolo | Mpho Mashita

