



Thabazimbi - Chaos erupted at Thabazimbi Alliance (DA), Freedom Front Plus (VF caucus meeting just before 11:00, leading Local Municipality's (TLM) offices on Tuesday Plus), Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), to a council meeting which was set to start. In the meantime, TLM released a statement 16 May 2023 when council members were Thabazimbi Residents Association (TRA), at 14:00. However, an altercation ensued prevented to enter the building to hold a and the Thabazimbi Forum for Service as council members were prevented from be closed on 17 May 2023 because the area meeting. Several videos circulating on Delivery (TFSD). Together, these five parties entering the building. social media show how bricks and stones hold 12 seats within the council. were thrown to and fro. Warning shots were During October 2022, the Waterberg African explained that there is a court order 18 May 2023. fired which had everyone scrambling for National Congress (ANC) entered a vote of preventing TLM councillor Ben Thlabadira The matter will appear before the Limpopo Bushvelder was unable to ascertain who councillor Tokkie Swanepoel, and speaker, fired the shots and if it was blanks that were councillor Ben Thlabadira. Since then, the fired.

governed by a single party. It functioned as and the office of the speaker. a coalition municipality, consisting of five According to VF Plus councillor Frik Erasmus

opposing parties have been going back and Before October 2022, TLM was not forth in the courts to contest the mayorship

political parties, namely, the Democratic several councillors wanted to start with a

speaker Tshegofatso Ramoabi was prevented from entering the building together with the other councillors.

The opposing parties in this ongoing battle to who is responsible for starting the violence and causing property damages such as

broken glass doors and windows.

saying that the municipal finance section will has been declared as a crime scene after the incident and should re-open on Thursday,

safety, only to return shortly after. Platinum no confidence against the DA TLM mayor, from calling council meetings. He added that High Court on 24 May 2023. Until then, the Thlabadira contravened this court order and situation in Thabazimbi remains uncertain, and it is unclear if the opposing parties will ever see eye-to-eye.

The incident is not a good example of abiding are now pointing the finger at each other as to the law. Hopefully the opposing parties would consider resolving this issue in a more constructive manner.







## **SHOTS FIRED!**

**Thabazimbi** – Security groups were abuzz after the sound of gunfire echoed in Dahlia Street early on Friday morning 12 May 2023.

At approximately 4:00 in the morning a resident in Dahlia Street woke up when he heard movement in his yard. Like most people nowadays, he did not leave the safety of his home to go outside unarmed. Upon inspection he saw two intruders lurking in his yard—and one of them had an object in his hand, which looked like a firearm. He immediately fired warning shots which set the whole neighbourhood on alert. The intruders jumped the wall and disappeared into the neighbouring area.

This incident sparked reports from other residents who have been struggling with intruders in 6th and 13th Avenue.

"Criminal activity has drastically been increasing over the past month. On an average evening we have approximately two or three attempted break-ins. This of course goes together with a poor economy and increasing joblessness. It's almost impossible for people to keep up with the rising food prices, and piece jobs are also becoming scarcer. Unfortunately, people resort to crime," said Thabazimbi community policing forum (CPF) chairperson Petrus van Breda. Although firing a warning shot is legal in South Africa, it can only be done if there are no other options to deter a potentially life-threatening attack. It is also advisable to when faced with such a situation to fire the warning shot or shots into the ground to limit the risk of injury or death which can be caused by a warning shot fired into the air.

On Monday 15 May 2023 Platinum Bushvelder reached out to warrant officer Jaco Havenga, who urges residents to not discharge firearms without understanding the law, and to officially report break-ins to the Thabazimbi Police. Hereby a notice issued by warrant officer Havenga: "This is an urgent call on the public to not just shoot at 'suspects'. The Criminal Procedure Act and Act 60 of 2000 of the Firearms Act, is very clear when you can use your firearm in self-defence. To wait for a suspect outside your house/ who is busy climbing over your wall/fence and to shoot at him, makes you guilty of attempted murder. And if the suspect died because of the gunshot wound, you will be prosecuted for murder. Your firearm must be your last resort to protect your life in selfdefence. I know we are all fed up with the crime in and around Thabazimbi, but all shooting incidents MUST be reported to and investigated by the South African Police Service (SAPS). The SAPS member visiting the scene can use his/her own discretion if no one was injured or no property was damaged, not to proceed with a case. Example after 2 days a body with a gunshot wound is discovered and then there's no information of who, what, why, or when this happened. During the nights, especially during loadshedding times, the Thabazimbi community policing forum (CPF) private security and SAPS are doing on-foot and vehicle patrols. These people on patrol can be injured or killed by 'warning' shots fired.

I also call upon all the neighbourhood watch groups in and around Thabazimbi to join the CPF structure (there is provision made for neighbourhood watches) so that all incidents can be recorded at their control room. The CPF and Thabazimbi Fire and Rescue control room is functional 24 hours, 7 days a week, and keeps record of all reported incidents and informs all the necessary emergency services (SAPS, ambulances, fire brigade, and CPF patrol personnel). Your cooperation is appreciated."

If you would like to join the CPF, please contact chairperson Petrus van Breda on 079 897 5611. If you would like to join the TFR, please contact chairperson Pierre Loots on 083 603 5678. To report criminal activity, contact the Thabazimbi SAPS on 014 777 3500.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT APPLICATION

Notice is given, in terms of the 2014 EIA regulations (as amended in 2017) published in Government Notice No. R326 under Section 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), of the intent to carry out an **Environmental Impact Assessment** (i.t.o. Listing Notice 1, 2 and 3 – G.N. R327, 325 & 324) for the following activity:

- Project title: The proposed Copper Solar Power Plant, near Northam, Limpopo Province
- Project description: The development of a 250MW photovoltaic solar power plant and associated infrastructure on Portion 2, 3 and Remaining Extent Portion 1 of the farm Zwartdoorns No. 421, Registration Division JQ, situated within the Thabazimbi Local Municipality area of jurisdiction. The town of Northam is located approximately 2km north of the proposed development.
- ❖ Size of site: The site will be approximately 739ha in extent.
- ❖ Proponent: Copper Solar Power Plant (RF)(Pty) Ltd
- Consultant: Christia van Dyk, Environamics Environmental Consultants Cell: 078 4705 252
- E-mail: participation@environamics.co.za

The Environmental Impact Assessment application will be submitted to the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. In order to ensure that you are identified as an interested and/or affected party please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter, in writing, to the contact person given above within 30 days of this advertisement. Hard and soft copies of the report will be made available upon request.

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- ❖ <u>Size of site</u>: The site will be approximately 547ha in extent.
- ❖ <u>Proponent</u>: Palladium Solar Power Plant (RF)(Pty) Ltd
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#### Let her play rugby!

[Letter to the Editor]

boys are allowed to play rugby? That seems to be the growing question on a number of mommies' lips these days. According to World Rugby, in 2026, 40% of the total number of rugby players will be female. In South Africa, and mostly small towns, it's apparent that girls should be girls and keep themselves busy with netball and other sports. Rugby is a heavy contact sport and teachers as well as parents don't want little girls getting hurt. But what are the benefits for young girls playing rugby? Rugby could help to transform your daughter's life both on and off the field. It benefits their physical, social, and emotional wellbeing and creates a feeling of equality. In some primary schools, girls are permitted to play in the boys' team but only until age nine, or up until the physical part of the game becomes serious. There are girls who enjoy contact sports more than boys do, so why not let them have this opportunity? I vote, let them play if they want to, I am sure if the schools will test run this, they might be surprised by the number of girls who would actually like to join the team. Who knows, maybe our girls have more strength than what they are given credit for? **Mommy dearest** 

Thabazimbi - I'm the mother of a 12-year-old girl and lately I've been wondering why only









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## NOTICE OF SECTION 24 G APPLICATION, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS: THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST LODGES AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN QWABI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

Notice is given in terms of the Section 24G Regulations (GNR 698 of July 2017) read together with Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA), as well as, Section 24G of NEMA as amended, for the unlawful commencement of activities listed in terms of Schedule 1 of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989), 2006, 2010, 2014 and amended 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations promulgated in terms of NEMA.

The Applicant purchased the Reserve in 2010 with existing infrastructure already present inclusive of two lodges. Thereafter, upgrades and additions were made to the lodges by the Applicant. All of these developments were constructed without certain environmental authorizations and the Applicant is now applying for *ex post facto* approval.

The following listed activities are triggered in terms of the various EIA Regulations:

Listed Activities
1 (d), 1 (m), 1 (i), 1 (j)
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GNR 386:1 (m), 1 (q)(i)(ii), 4,
GNR 544: 11 (iv)(xi), 18 (i) GNR 546: 4, 6, 12, 13, 14, 16 (iv), 18,19
GNR 983: 12 (iii)(iv)(x)(xii);(a)(c), 19(i), 27 GNR 985: 4, 6, 12, 14 (ii)(iii)(iv)(x) (xi)(xii) (a)(c), 17, 18
GNR 327: 12 (i)(ii)(a)(c), 19, 27 GNR 324: 4 (e) (i) (bb) (ee) (gg), 6 (e) (i) (bb) (ee) (gg) (hh), 12 (e)(ii) (iii), 14 (ii) (a) (c); (e) (i) (ff) (hh), 17 (e)(i)(ee)(gg), 18 (e) (i) (bb) (ee) (gg)

If you are an Interested and / or Affected Party and would like to register as part of the public participation process, please provide your name, contact details, and the nature of your interest in the project to the person below by no later than **20 June 2023**.

To register or for more information, please contact Bryony van Niekerk (Nuleaf Planning and Environmental) Tel: 074 818 9788; Email: bryony@nuleafsa.co.za

### SOULFOOD

#### **PROVERBS**

(Proverbs 3 verse 1 to 6.) Guidance for the Young 3 My son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart keep my commands;
2 For length of days and long life
And peace they will add to you.
3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,

Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart,
4 And so find favor and high esteem
In the sight of God and man.
5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

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#### VACANCY

RSC is seeking a suitably qualified Site Administrator to join our team at Northam. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS & SKILLS:

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- Strong administration skills
- Problem solving skills a must- Must be able to provide management support
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IT IS ORDERED:-



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#### IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA (LIMPOPO DIVISION, POLOKWANE)

CASE No.: 8838/2022
BEFORE THE HONOURABLE: JUDGE NAUDE-ODENDAAL On the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2023
In the matter between: BEEFCOR (PTY) LTD
APPLICANT (Registration Number: 1973/015057/07)
And THABAZIMBI KOELKAMERS (PTY) LTD
RESPONDENT (REGISTRATION NUMBER:

2016/392376/07)
Having considered the documents filed of record and having heard counsel for the Applicant,

- The Respondent is placed in provisional winding-up in the hands of the Master.
- A rule nisi issued calling upon the Respondent and any other interested party to appear in court on 15 August 2023 to show cause why the Respondent should not be placed under final winding-up.
- The order be served forthwith on the Respondent at its registered office and published, once in the Government Gazette and once in a daily newspaper circulating around the Respondent's registered address.
- 4. The Respondent to pay the costs of the application on an attorney and client scale.

## IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA (LIMPOPO DIVISION, POLOKWANE)

CASE No.: 8837/2022
BEFORE THE HONOURABLE: ACTING JUDGE MTHIMKULU On the 28th Day of February 2023
In the matter between: BEFCOR (PTY) LTD APPLICANT (Registration Number: 1973/015057/07)
And THOKWE AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD RESPONDENT (REGISTRATION NUMBER: 2017/287815/07) Having considered the documents filed of record and having heard counsel, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- A rule nisi calling upon the respondent and any other interested party to appear in court to show cause why the respondent should not be placed under final winding up, is extended until 06 JUNE 2023.
- 2. The Costs are costs in the application.

## Have your say / Sê jou sê

### Do you know how to tie a tie?

Some learnt in school, and others never followed the rule; while tying a tie might seem like a no-brainer to some, others have never mastered the seemingly easy skill. Do you know how to tie a tie, and if 'knot' why?



Yes, I do. My dad taught me when I was still young. I was attending primary school when he showed me how to do it. Jemina Motsomane



Yes, I do. I learnt how to tie a tie at school when I was fifteen. I can tie a tie using three different methods! Lee Saunders



Yes. I can tie a tie. I had to learn because it was compulsory to wear at school and my granny couldn't do it for me everyday Lungile Thabethe

#### Are you afraid of the dark?

While a fear of the dark is common amongst children, there are many adults who are also afraid of the dark. Do you become anxious when the lights go out, and if so, why?

Make yourself heard by sending an email to news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or send us a WhatsApp on 081 579 7000 with the following information before 17:00 on Monday 22 May 2023.

- Yes, I'm afraid of the dark
- · No, I'm not afraid of the dark.
- · The reason for your answer.
- · A recent photo of yourself—so that we can publish your pic with your answer.
- Your contact details
- · Please indicate in which town/ city you reside
- · The results of the votes will be published in our next issue.

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focused for longer. A 2013 study done by the British Psychological Society found that test subjects who chewed gum while taking part in a memory challenge were able to stay focused for longer periods of time than those who did not chew gum.



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## **PUBLIC POLL:** THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Do you know how to tie a tie? NO 45% YES 55%

### 'n Dag van aksie op die rugbyveld

Thabazimbi - Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer se o/14, o/15, en o/16 spanne het 'n bedrywige dag van rugby teen Hoërskool Tom Naudé gehad op Saterdag 13 Mei 2023.

#### HFM klop die volgende:

- o/14 A 22-0
- o/14 B 0-53 • o/15 A 5-7
- o/15 B 29-5
- o/16 A 12-7 o/16 B 0-38
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### **NOTICE TO INTERESTED AND** AFFECTED PARTIES

Notice of Land Rights Holders Resolution Meeting in terms of the Interim Protection of Informal Land Rights Act, 1996 (Act No. 31 of 1996): Proposed Lease Agreement for mining purposes between Samancor Chrome Limited and the members of the Baphalane Community residing at Mantserre over a 621,5 hectare area on a part of Portion 1 and the remaining extent of the farm Varkensvlei, Registration Division K.Q., North West Province.

Samancor Chrome Limited and the members of the Baphalane Community residing at Mantserre intend to conclude a surface lease agreement for mining purposes over a 621,5 hectare area on a part of Portion 1 and the Remaining Extent of the farm, Varkensvlei, 403 K.Q., North West Province.

The consent of the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform is required for purposes of signature of the proposed lease and the members of the community and residents of Mantserre will be requested to participate in the land rights holder resolution process.

Date of meeting: Wednesday, 21 June 2023

Place: Mantserre Community Hall

Time: 13H00

#### Required Attendees:

- Residents and community members of the Baphalane Ba Mantserre
- Community Based Organizations, Youth Structures, Ward Community
- All other interested and affected parties having rights in respect of Portion 1 and remaining extent of the farm Varkensvlei 403 K.Q.

If you consider yourself an Interested and/or Affected Party holding rights in respect of the above properties it is important that you attend the

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# WOLVERINES MAAK NAAM



Northam - Die Northam Wolverines het onlangs die Carltonbeker-liga met 'n storm aangepak.

Op Saterdag 13 Mei 2023 het hulle teen Betway Centurion gespeel en 'n indrukwekkende prestasie gelewer. Die eerstespan het 'n knap oorwinning behaal met 'n telling van 39-38, terwyl die tweedespan 'n telling van 24-27 geneem het. Die derdespan het egter 'n oorwinning behaal met 'n telling van 19-10. Hierdie

prestasie het die Wolverines 'n vierde plek op die punteleer verseker.

Die volgende wedstryd vir die Wolverines vind plaas teen Pretoria op 20 Mei 2023. Die span sal hard moet werk om hul posisie in die liga te verbeter. Maar met hul indrukwekkende prestasies sover, is daar geen twyfel dat die Wolverines die nodige vaardighede en deursettingsvermoë het om te slaag nie.

## Laerskool Thaba kry besoekers



**Thabazimbi** - Adjudant-offisier Lotter en sersant Khumalo het Laerskool Thabazimbi op Maandag 15 Mei besoek om leerders bewus te maak van kinderbeskermingsweek wat gedurende 29 Mei tot 5 Junie plaasvind. Laerskool Thaba is dankbaar vir die besoek.

Van links agter: Departementshoof Mnr. Werner Breytenback, sersant Khumalo, en adjudant-offisier Lotter het Thaba leerders bewus gemaak van kinderbeskerming



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Thabazimbi/Brits - Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer skaakspan het die afgelope Saterdag 13 Mei by Laerskool Olienpark 'n paar skuiwe gemaak om die Frikkies se naam hoog te hou. Daar was groot gees in die opening toe elke ouderdomsgroep se huidige kampioen 'n "intro" moes hê met musiek. HFM spelers het die skool op twee ouderdoms vlakke verteenwoordig onderskeidelik die o/16 en o/18 ouderdomme. Frans Kalp wen 2 uit 5 wedstryde, en Valene Oberholzer wen ook 2 uit 5 wedstryde. Xander Palmer wen 2 uit 5 en Kwanele Maduna wen 2 uit 5. Baie geluk aand Dorian Oberholzer wat 4 uit 5 wedstryde wen en 'n derde plek behaal het!

# Rhinos klim die punteleer

ortham Rhinos se rugbymanne en ondersteuners is tops

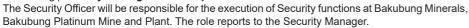
Setaria – Die Northam Rhinos het 'n indrukwekkende oorwinning behaal teen die Naka Bulle op Saterdag 13 Mei 2023 in die Carlton-beker liga. Met rustyd het die Rhinos reeds 'n gemaklike voorsprong van 17-3 gehad en hul uiteindelike wening was 36-17. Alfie Adams was die held van die dag met twee drieë, terwyl Bruce Muller, Maverick van der Merwe, en Warren Williams elk een drie gedruk het. Die Rhinos se tweede span het 'n oortuigende oorwinning behaal met 'n telling van 49-27, terwyl die derde span met 'n telling van 28-0 gewen het. Hul volgende wedstryd is op 20 Mei 2023 teen UP-Tuks, wat net voor hulle op die punteleer lê. UP-Tuks is tans in die eerste plek en die Rhinos in die tweede plek. Dit gaan 'n spannende wedstryd wees en ons kan nie wag om te sien hoe die Rhinos presteer nie.

## VACANCY

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Operational Results: Supervise of Security shift operations, Supervise area specific Access and traffic control. Secures premises and personnel by patrolling property, monitoring surveillance equipment. Investigates security breaches, incidents, and other suspicious activities. Reporting of crime, misconduct, losses and damages. Identify Security weaknesses through audits and initiate Crime Prevention operations. Compile reports, recording observations, information, occurrences, incident investigations and surveillance activities. Interviews witnesses and obtain statements as required. Maintains environment stability and creating property controls. Maintains the organization's stability and reputation by complying with Operational and Legal requirements. Ensures the enforcement of Company Policies and Procedures. Contributes to Company team effort by accomplishing problem solving and related results as needed. Must have no objection to carry and operate a firearm during executing of Security duties.

Work Hours: Shifts; Day-, Afternoon-, Night Shifts (8 hour shifts), Overtime and or Standby duties as required. Relationship Results: Interact with all Stakeholders to facilitate the achievement of departmental objectives; Drive teamwork within own and with other functions to ensure improved results. Skills Required Team player, Thorough, accurate and attentive to detail, good communication skills English - verbal and written, ability to perform repetitive duties according to standards, clear criminal record. Must be medically fit, compliant to all legal requirements, basic problem solving skills, safety conscious at all the times.

Should you be interested in applying for this position, please send your CV with relevant qualification copies to Recruitment@wesizwe.com. Should you not hear from the Company within a period of 21 days after the closing date of applications, your application shall be deemed to be unsuccessful. For telephonic enquiries please contact 014 004 1135.



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Preference will be given to applicants who fall within the ambit of the Broad Based Economic Empowerment Act and Mining Charter in respect of Employment Equity as well as Benhaus' recruitment policy and employment equity plan.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Should you not hear from us within 30 days of the closing date, please consider your application to be unsuccessful.