

WESTPHAL BRUTALLY TORTURED AND MURDERED

The vehicle rented by Gunter Hermann Friedrich Westphal, the German tourist, for his journey across South Africa.

Northam/ Moruleng – In a shocking incident that has cast a shadow over South Africa's reputation as a tourist destination, a German visitor fell victim to a brutal crime that underscores the importance of vigilance and trust, especially in South Africa.

The incident, occurring in an election year, highlights the critical balance South Africa must maintain in ensuring the safety of tourists, who contribute significantly to the nation's economy. Lieutenant general Thembi Hadebe, provincial commissioner of the South African Police Service (SAPS) in Limpopo, announced the swift arrest of three individuals connected to the heinous act. The suspects, aged between 24 and 46, are accused of assaulting and murdering 74-yearold Gunter Hermann Friedrich Westphal in Northam on Saturday night, 24 February 2024. Gunter's journey began in Botswana on 23 February, crossing into South Africa with plans to explore the country. His fatal mistake was offering a lift to an unknown hitchhiker, who appeared friendly and in need of assistance.

This initial act of kindness led to a series of events culminating in tragedy.

TRAGIC END IN

NORTHAM

After establishing a rapport, Gunter allowed the hitchhiker to drive. They stopped at a liquor store (in Moruleng), where they met two more individuals. The group then proceeded to what was supposed to be the hitchhiker's residence. Upon arrival, the tourist was restrained, assaulted, tortured, and coerced into revealing his bank PIN code. The assailants stole cash, valuables, and then proceeded to transport him to a remote area in Northam, where they murdered him and attempted to dispose of his body.

The crime was uncovered when security officials and a rural safety member, patrolling the area, noticed a suspicious, number plate-less vehicle. Their investigation led to the discovery of Gunter's body and the suspects' arrest, with evidence including the victim's belongings.

Lieutenant general Hadebe emphasised the betrayal of trust and the determination of the SAPS to secure a conviction. The suspects, identified as Abstain Madvimdo (24), Jan Investigations continue.

Thabonga Moshabi (35), and Thomas Moyo (36), have been charged with murder among other offenses.

As the community and the nation grapple with the implications of this crime, the focus remains on enhancing security measures and promoting a safe, welcoming environment for all tourists.

The investigation continues, with the police committed to uncovering all details of this appalling crime and ensuring justice for Gunter Hermann Friedrich Westphal.

The three suspects, identified as foreign nationals, were brought before the Northam Magistrates' Court on Monday 26 February 2024, facing several charges, with murder being the most serious among them.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba provided an update on the proceedings, stating, "The court has ordered that they be held in police custody. The hearing for their case has been postponed to 4 March 2024, at which point they will have the opportunity to apply for bail."







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NOTICE

Sandy Creek Private Game Lodge on Portion 5 Zandspruit. Thabazimbi, 0380. Is in the process of submitting an application for its liquor licence for the lodge and bar that is being opened. Should you have any queries please contact Leigh-Ann on 063 929 2610.

SOULFOOD

PSALM 60

Urgent Prayer for the Restored Favor of God. To the Chief Musician. Set to "Lily of the Testimony." A Michtam of David. For teaching. When he fought against Mesopotamia and Syria of Zobah, and Joab returned and killed twelve thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

60 O God, You have cast us off;

You have broken us down;

You have been displeased;

Oh, restore us again! 2 You have made the earth tremble;

You have broken it:

Heal its breaches, for it is shaking. 3 You have shown Your people hard things;

You have made us drink the wine of confusion. 4 You have given a banner to those who fear You,

That it may be displayed because

of the truth. Selah 5 That Your beloved may be

delivered Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

6 God has spoken in His holiness:

"I will reioice: I will divide Shechem And measure out the

Valley of Succoth

NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

SWIFT POLICE ACTION LEADS TO ARREST OF TAVERN ROBBERS

Thabazimbi - The police successfully apprehended two male suspects involved in a daring tavern robbery in Thabazimbi. The incident, on Friday evening 23 February 2024, saw three assailants forcefully entering a local tavern, pointing a gun at employees and patrons, and making off with cellphones and an undisclosed sum of cash.

The robbery, executed with a brazen display of firepower, included the discharge of shots before the suspects fled the scene on foot, miraculously leaving no one injured. Alerted to the crime, the South African Police Service (SAPS) in Thabazimbi launched an immediate manhunt, leading to the arrest of two of the suspects in the early hours of the next day. The apprehended individuals, aged 31 and 44, were caught while attempting to hitchhike to Bela-Bela, found with an illegal firearm and ammunition, suspected to be the very tools used in the robbery.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba confirmed that the suspects faced the Thabazimbi Magistrates' Court on Monday 26 February 2024, on serious charges including business robbery and possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition. Despite these arrests, the search continues for the third suspect, still at large.

The police have issued an appeal to the public for any information that may lead to the capture of the remaining fugitive. If you have any information about this man, please reach out to captain Thandi Byuma at 082 565 7939, or use the crime stop number (08600 10111) or use the MySAPSApp.



LIMPOPO ILLEGAL **MINING CRACKDOWN**

Limpopo - In a crackdown on illegal mining operations across Limpopo, the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) have joined forces under the banner of Operation Vala Umgodi, resulting in the arrest of 14 suspects and the confiscation of key mining equipment. The operation, carried out on Thursday, 22 February 2024, targeted illegal mining sites scattered across the province's five districts, signalling a robust response to the growing issue of illegal mining.

The arrested individuals, twelve men and two

women aged 22 to 52 years, were apprehended in a series of coordinated raids designed to disrupt the illegal mining operations that have been plaguing the region. Colonel Maledela Ledwaba emphasised the significance of the operation in combating the illegal mining menace that threatens the province's economy and environment

Among the confiscated items were an excavator and three tipper trucks, collectively valued at millions of rands. The suspects are set to appear before various Magistrates' Courts, facing charges related to illegal mining.

NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS, WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE MIDDELLAAGTE OPEN PIT PROJECT AT THE LIMBERG MINING COMPANY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE - PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT, I&AP REGISTRATION, PUBLIC OPEN DAY AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT ("DBAR")

Applicant: Limberg Mining Company (Pty) Ltd

Location: Portions 0 & 1 of the Farm Middellaagte 382 KQ near Thabazimbi, Limpopo Province Project Description: Limberg Mining Company (Pty) Ltd ("LMC") owns and operates the Thaba Cronimet Chrome Mine located in the North-Western Bushveld Igneous Complex in the Thabazimbi Local Municipal area of the Limpopo Province of South Africa. LMC's mining right (115 MR) was granted in March 2010 for a period of 30 years to mine Chrome Ore and Platinum Group Metals ("PGMs"). The mining right extends over an area of approximately 2129 hectares including the planned opencast mining activities on the farm Middellaagte 382 KQ (Middellaagte Opencast Operations also known as ML3). The approved mining right, Environmental Authorisation ("EA") (granted 16 February 2017) and Water Use Licence ("WUL") (granted 14 December 2018) includes approval for activities associated with the Middellaagte Opencast Pit and supporting infrastructure. This Application includes for optimisation of the currently authorised ML3 pit by extending the pit and maximising resource utilisation. The optimised mining pit will extend the 2017 approved pit footprint with 6.2 ha. The additional mining area / disturbance of the surface area will be 62 327 m². To mine the optimised pit, a Waste Rock Dump (WRD) with a total volume of 3 166 898 m³ is required for storage, which includes the previously authorised WRD and proposed WRD. An extension of the previously approved WRD ML3.1 and ML3.2 is proposed for the stockpiling of the additional 1 525 795 m³ of waste rock. This area will be known as WRD ML3.4 and will straddle a tributary of the Bierspruit River and be located within the riparian zone. Two new planned topsoil stockpiles are planned as part of the extension of the opencast pit. No new processing plants or associated infrastructure will be constructed. Anglo-American Platinum ("AAP") Rustenburg Platinum Mines: Amandelbult Complex has reached an agreement with LMC to mine the ore reserve on the Middellaagte 382 KQ portion on Limberg's behalf. The AMB Operations is situated directly south of the Limberg Middellaagte Operations. The existing Concentrator Plant and associated infrastructure at the AMB Operations will be utilised for the processing of the ore. Current authorised infrastructure for access to site, associated services, waste management and water supply will be utilised. Alta van Dyk Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd ("AvDE") has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") to undertake the required environmental-related applications and associated public participation process.

Authorisations required: Before the commencement of the proposed project, the following authorisations are required as per the applicable legislation:

- National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA")
- Basic Assessment Process ("BA")
- National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 1998 (Act No. 59 of 2008) ("NEM:WA")
- o Waste Management Licence ("WML") via the BA process.
- National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) ("NWA")
- Water Use Licence ("WUL")

o GN704 Exemption

Availability of the Draft Basic Assessment and EMP Report: The Draft Basic Assessment and Environmental Management Plan Reports are available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from 11 March to 15 April 2024 at the venues listed in the table below. The report is also available electronically on the AvDE Website: https://www.altavandykenvironmental.co.za/public-

Public Place	Locality	Physical Address
Limberg Mine Security Office	Thabazimbi	R510
Thabazimbi Library	Thabazimbi	4th Avenue
Alta van Dyk Environmental Consultants Office	Midstream	9 Mount Sherman Cresent Midlands Estate

If you would like more information on the proposed project, or wish to provide comments on the project or the Draft Basic Assessment EMP Report, please direct them to:

Alta van Dyk Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd

Tyla Leigh Smith Tel number: 012 940 9457 086 634 3967 Fax number tyla@avde.co.za Fmail:

Postal Address: Postnet Suite #745, Private Bag X 1007 Lyttelton, 0140

In terms of Section 11 of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), all personal information collected will be processed lawfully and explicitly for the Environmental Authorisation and Water Use Licence

Application Processes.

KITSISO YA KOPO YA TAOLO YA GO DIRA DITIRO MO TIKOLOGONG, LAESENSE YA TAOLO YA MATLAKALA LE TIRISO YA METSI MABAPI LE PROJEKE E E AKANNGWANG YA KATOLOSO YA MOEPO O O BULEGILENG WA MIDDELLAAGTE, E E WELANG KA FA TLASE GA TAOLO YA MOEPO WA LIMBERG, POROFENSENG YA LIMPOPO | KITSISO YA POROJEKE, GO IKWADISA GWA MALOKO A A AMEGANG LE A A NANG LE KGATLHEGO, KOPANO YA MALOKO A SETŠHABA LE PHATLHALATSO YA TOKUMENTE YA TLHATLHOBO **E E SOSOBANTSWENG YA TIKOLOGO**

Kopo e dirwa ke: Limberg Mining Company (Pty) Ltd

Lefelo: Karolo ya 0 le 1 ya Polase ya Middellaagte 382 KQ, gaufi le Teropo ya Thabazimbi, Porofense ya Limpopo | TIhaloso ya porojeke: Limberg Mining Company (Pty) Ltd ("LMC") ke mong wa Moepo wa Thaba Cronimet Chrome, e bile e dira mo go ona, mo Bokone Bophirima jwa Bushveld Igneous Complex mo karolong ya Mmasepala wa Selegae wa Thabazimbi wa Porofense ya Limpopo. Moepo wa LMC o amogetse tumelelo ya go epa chrome le mafika a losika la Platinum (Platinum Group Metals) (Mining Right 115) ka kgwedi ya Mopitlwe 2010. Tumelelo e, e akaretsa dingwaga di ka nna masome a mararo (30), mme e bile e tsaa bogolo jwa diheketara di ka nna 2129 go akaretsa ditiro tsa meepo tse di rulagantsweng mo polaseng ya Middellaagte 382 KQ (Middellaagte Opencast Operations) e e itsegeng gape e le ML3). Tshwanelo e e dumeletsweng ya meepo, tumelelo ya tikologo ("EA") (e amogetswe ka la 16 Tlhakole 2017) le Laesense ya Tiriso ya Metsi (WUL") (e e amogetsweng ka la 14 Sedimonthole 2018). Tumelelo e, e akaretsa kamogelo ya ditiro tse di amanang le Moepo o o bulegileng wa Middellaagte, le ditirelo tse di o tshegeditseng. Kopo e diriwang mo Nakong e, e akaretsa go dira gore go nne le bokgoni jo bo dumeletsweng jwa ML3 ka go atolosa le go oketsa tiriso ya metswedi ya metsi le ditlhokego tse dingwe. Moepo o o akangwang wa Middellaagte, o tla oketsa dihektara di le 6,2 mo godimo ga moepo o o dumeletsweng ka 2017. Gore moepo o mošwa o o akantsweng o kgone go dira, go tlhokega gore go agiwe lefelo la go bolokela matlapa a a se nang dimenerale (WRD), a a tswang ka fa tlase ga mmu, le le ka nnang bogolo jwa 3 166 898m³. Lefelo le la go bolokela matlapa, le tla oketswa mo godimo ga le le setseng le le teng mo moepong mme le dumelletswe. Katoloso ya WRD ML3.1 le ML3.2 e akanngwa gore e kgone go bolokela matlapa a se nang dimenerale a boleng jwa 1 525 795 m³. Lefelo le go kopantsweng WRD ML3.1 le ML3.2 le tla bidiwa WRD ML3.4 mme e tla kgabaganya molatswana wa Bierspruit mo lefelong la maribe a noka. Mafelo a go bolokela mmu a mabedi, a tla tlhokega, jaaka karolo ya koketso e e akanngwang ya moepo o. Ga go na tlhokego ya go aga moago o matlapa a dimenerale a tla tlhwatswetswang e bile a arolwa teng, le meago e mengwe ya ditirelo. Moepo wa Polatinamo wa Anglo-American ("AAP") ka fa tlase ga Rustenburg Platinum Mines: Lefelo-tirelong la Amandelbult e fitlhelletse ditumelelano le LMC go epa dimenerale mo polasewng ya Middelaagte 382KQ, mo legatong la Limberg. Ditirelo tsa moepo wa Amandelbult di fitlhelwa kwa borwa jwa Limberg Middellaagte Operations. Sejalo se se leng teng sa Concentrator (lefelo la go arola le go sila matlapa a diminerale) le ditirelo tse di amanang le sona di tla dirisiwa go aroganganya matlapa a diminerale. Ditirelo tse dingwe tse di dumeletsweng kwa moepong wa Amandelbult tse di akaretsang ditsela, ditirelo, mafelo a go latlhela matlakala le mafelo a bobolekelo jwa metsi di tla dirisiwa. Alta van Dyk Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd (AVDE) ba thapilwe ke LMC jaaka baitseanape ba ba ikemetseng go etelela pele dikopo tse di tlhokegang tse di amanang le tikologo le go itsise batsaakarolo ka ga projeke e.

Ditlhokwa tsa tumelelo ya projeke:

Pele ga projeke e ka simolola, go tlhokega gore go nne le dithuto tse di latelang:

wa 1998) Tlhatlhobo e e sosobantsweng kgotsa e e feleletseng e e

laetsang tsamaiso ya phetolo ya tikologo Molao wa Bosetshaba wa Tikologo: Molao wa go thibela Kgotlelego ya Tikologo: (Molao 59 wa 2008).

- Molao wa Bosetshaba wa Tikologo (NEMA) (Molao 107 | O Tumelelo ya kgotlelego ya tikologo go ya ka tihatihobo
 - e e sosobantsweng ya tsamaiso ya phetolo ya tikologo Molawana wa Metsi a Setshaba (Molao 36 wa 1998)
 - o Kopo ya Tumelelo ya Tiriso ya Metsi (WULA)
 - Tumelelo go ya ka molawana wa GN704

Tlhagiso ya tokumente ya tlhatlhobo e e sosobantsweng ya tikologo

Tokumente ya tlhatlhobo ya tikologo, ga mmogo le ditokumente tsa tlhokomelo ya tikologo di tlhagisitswe mo setšhabeng go fa maloko a a amegang le a a nang le kgatlhego nako ya go di sekaseka. Ditokumente tse, di tla nna mo mafelong setšhaba a a latelang malatsi a le 30, go tloga ka 11 Mopitlwe go fitlha ka 15 Moranang 2024. Ditokumente di ka amogelwa gape ka tsela ya seelektroniki mo websaeteng ya AvDE: https://www.altavandykenvironmental.co.za/public-documents/

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Have you recently engaged in a phone call lasting more than an hour?

Have you recently found yourself engaged in a phone conversation for longer than an hour? It doesn't matter if the call was work-related or purely personal. We're curious to hear about it. Who was on the other end of the line? What prompted such a lengthy discussion?



No. Every day is a race against time! WhatsApp and smartphones have taken over a lot of our social lives. By sharing our lives with these platforms, it leaves little room for personal conversations. The long family talks over dinner are gone. Quality family time and bonding with our children is taken over by technology. Nerisa Diedericks



Yes, when love is in the air. time is of no consequence. I recently met a girl, and we just clicked. It is as if we've known each other for years. We talk non-stop about everything, even sometimes at night. Our energies just match! Alfred

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Have you recently engaged in a phone call lasting more than an hour?

NO 95% YES 5%

Do you think it's important to vote in the upcoming elections?

As the 2024 South African general election approaches, scheduled for Wednesday 29 May 2024, the role of each voter becomes pivotal in shaping the future of our nation. This year's election offers a critical opportunity for citizens to influence governance and policy direction. We want to hear from you! Do you believe it's important to exercise your right to vote in the upcoming general elections? Here's how you can participate. Email us at news@ platinumbushvelder.co.za or WhatsApp your response to 081 579 7000. Include the following:

- · Your answer: Yes or No
- Why? We want to hear from you!
- A recent photo We'd love to publish your pic alongside your answer!
- Your town/city
- Deadline Be sure to send your response before 12:00 on Monday, 4 March 2024.

Vote results: The outcome of the poll will be featured in our next issue. Be a part of our community's story!

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Did you know?

Voting rights: the heart of South Africa's democracy: Elections in South Africa are held for the national assembly, provincial legislatures, and municipal councils - following a five-year cycle - with national and provincial elections held simultaneously and municipal elections held two years later. South Africans of all races took part in the first fully democratic elections in 1994. Since then, the Constitutional Court has struck down two attempts by the government to deny the vote to convicted criminals in prison.

The court has also ruled that South Africans living outside the country must be allowed to vote. These decisions reinforce

the importance of every vote in shaping our nation.

Thaba Homeless Shelter: a beacon of hope in Thabazimbi



Thabazimbi - The Thaba Homeless Shelter stands as more than just a shelter; it is a beacon of hope for many. Beverly Kühn, the shelter's founder and manager, emphasises the ongoing need for support: "We welcome any form of donation, from financial contributions to household items, cleaning supplies, and food. Every bit helps."

Operating the shelter is no small feat. It consumes about 40 rolls of toilet paper and goes through approximately 30 loaves of bread each week. The financial strain is significant, especially considering that most residents are unemployed and cannot afford the R2,000 monthly fee for their stay, which includes three meals a day and a safe place to

sleep. This fee, requested only from those who can afford it, goes towards covering the shelter's basic expenses such as electricity and food.

Susan Masser, the chairperson of the shelter, highlights another aspect of their work: providing food parcels to those in need who cannot be accommodated within the shelter due to space constraints.

The shelter's establishment was initially met with scepticism, with some community members denying the existence of homelessness in Thabazimbi. "The reality proved otherwise," Beverly reflects. "There is a significant need in our community, and we are committed to helping our residents regain their independence.

To this end, the Thaba Homeless Shelter offers various skill-building workshops for men, women, and mothers with children, aiming to enhance their employability. Despite the challenges, including dealing with residents who have histories of substance abuse, the shelter maintains a strict no-alcohol and no-drugs policy to ensure a safe environment for everyone.

The Thaba Homeless Shelter's efforts to uplift the homeless population in Thabazimbi are commendable, but they rely on the generosity and support of the community. For those looking to contribute or seek more information, please reach out to Susan Masser at 072 349 0741 or Beverly Kühn at 078 403 1813.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those in need.

AP KERK BAZAAR!

Thabazimbi – Die AP Kerk nooi almal hartlik uit om Saterdag, 9 Maart 2024, hul bazaar by te woon. Die feesvieringe skop af om 07:00 op die APK terrein, waar 'n verskeidenheid aktiwiteite en stalletjies vir oud en jonk beskikbaar sal wees.

Wat's op die spyskaart? Van kosstalletjies wat jou smaakkliere sal bederf met heerlike plaaslike lekkernye tot vlooimark stalletjies waar jy verborge skatte kan ontdek - daar is iets vir elkeen! Vir die avontuurlustiges bied hulle boeresport en 'n pretdraf aan, terwyl die vleisverkope en 'n veiling verseker dat jy nie met leë hande huis toe gaan nie. En dit is net die begin; daar is nog vele meer opwindende aktiwiteite beplan!

Pretdraf deelname: Moenie vergeet om jou kaartjies vir die pretdraf te kry nie; teen slegs R20 per persoon is dit die perfekte manier om die dag op 'n gesonde noot te begin. Dit beloof om 'n prettige ervaring te wees wat deelnemers sal laat glimlag van oor tot oor.

Meer inligting: Vir meer inligting oor die bazaar of om jou plek vir die pretdraf te bespreek, kontak asseblief die kerkkantoor by 014 777 1689. Moenie hierdie geleentheid misloop om saam met jou gemeenskap 'n dag vol pret, kos, en kultuur te geniet nie.

Ons sien uit daarna om jou daar te sien!

SEXUAL GROOMING OF MINORS

SA - Sexual grooming of minors refers to the process by which an adult establishes a relationship with a minor to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual exploitation or abuse.

According to Mike Bolhuis, Specialist Investigators into Serious Violent, Serious Economic Crimes & Serious Cybercrimes, "This often occurs on various social media platforms where communication is facilitated, making it crucial for parents to be aware and take steps to safeguard

SAFETY MEASURES TO PROTECT CHILDREN

- - o Talk openly with your child about online interactions' potential risks and dangers.
 - Ensure they understand the importance of privacy and not sharing personal information online.
- · Establish open communication
- Create an environment where your child feels comfortable discussing their online experiences with you.
- Encourage them to report any uncomfortable or suspicious interactions.
- · Set privacy settings
 - o Help your child configure privacy settings on their social media accounts to control who can see and interact with their profile.
- Monitor online activity
 - Regularly check your child's online activity, including friend lists, messages, and posts.
 - Consider using parental control software to track and manage their online presence.

Teach critical thinking

- o Help your child develop critical thinking skills to evaluate online content and identify potential dangers.
- o Discuss the importance of not trusting strangers, even in online environments

Recognise warning signs

- o Be aware of signs that may indicate online grooming, such as excessive secrecy, withdrawal from family and friends, or sudden changes in behaviour.
- Watch for inappropriate or suspicious messages or requests.

Limit screen time

Set reasonable limits on your child's screen time and ensure they have a healthy balance between online and offline

Be a positive online role model

- o Demonstrate responsible online behaviour and establish guidelines for using social media.
- Show your child how to engage positively and respectfully in online communities.



GROOMING TECHNIQUES

Building trust

Predators may spend time establishing trust and friendship with the child, posing as someone sympathetic, understanding, or supportive.

Emotional manipulation

Groomers often use emotional manipulation to create a sense of dependency, making the child feel special, understood, or cared for.

Gifts and favours

Predators offer gifts, money, or other favours to create a sense of indebtedness in the child.

Isolation Groomers try to isolate the child by discouraging them from spending

time with friends or family, making them more dependent on the predator.

Groomers often insist on keeping the relationship a secret, making the child feel that they need to hide the interactions.

Gradual escalation

Grooming typically involves a gradual progression from innocent conversations to more explicit or inappropriate discussions and requests.

If you suspect grooming, report it to law enforcement and the platform where the communication occurs. Specialised Security Services is also able to assist in safeguarding and thoroughly tracking your child's online activity. Do not hesitate to contact Mike Bolhuis and his team if you have any concerns regarding your child's online interactions.

Mike Bolhuis, Specialist Investigators into Serious Violent, Serious Economic Crimes & Serious Cybercrimes press release extracts

NOTICE ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(2) OF THE EIA REGULATION, REGARDING THE APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE FARM VLAAKPLAATS 427 KQ WITHIN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF WATERBERG (THABAZIMBI) WITH REF: LP30/5/1/3/2/12042 MP (LP30/5/1/3/3/2/1/-12042 EM)

Vlaak Ore Pty Ltd have been granted an Environmental Authorization for application of mining permit for vanadium, iron ore and titanium and related mining activities issued by the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) on the 19th of February 2024 and we received the EA by hand on the 27 of February 2024.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In reaching the decision the Department looked into the following

- (a) A public participation processes (ppp) was undertaken and the Applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the NEMA EIA 2014 Regulations for Public involvement
- (b) The environmental impacts associated with the proposed mitigation measures as outlined in the BAR
- (c) The closure and rehabilitation is included in the BAR.
- (d) The environmental emergencies procedure is included in the BAR (e) The environmental awareness plan is included in the BAR and
- (f) The quantum calculation of the financial provision for rehabilitation of the prospecting activities is included in the BAR.

NOTICE OF INTENSION TO APPEAL:

An appeal can be lodged against the decision as stipulated in the National Appeals Regulations 2014 should you wish to appeal. The appeal must be lodged within 20 days from the date of receipt of the notification to the minister of Environmental Affairs. The appeal must be lodged as prescribed in the National Appeal Regulations 2014 by means of the following methods: Appeal to the Department of Environmental Affairs: Attention: Directorate Appeals and legal review | Email: appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za | By post: private bag x 447, Pretoria,0001 | By hand: Environmental House, corner Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street, Arcadia, Pretoria,0083 | Copy of the lodged appeal to the Department of Mineral Resources Attention: Regional Manager: Limpopo Region Email: tebogo.mangaba@dmr. gov. za | Fax: 086 7101 045 | By post: private bag x 9467, Polokwane,0700 | By hand: DMR building,101 Dorp Street, Polokwane,0699

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: SOCIAL AND LABOUR PLAN (SLP)

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy has approved Northam Zondereinde's application, in accordance to section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA), to amend its Generation 3 Social and Labour Plan (SLP), in the Mine Community Development (MCD) section.

The approved amendments are as follows

1. Thabazimbi Local Municipality:

Old Project: The Rebuild of Koedoeskop Road.

New Project: Repair of Elandskuil Bridge and Surfacing of Road D.

2. Labour Sending Area:

Old Projects: Water and Sanitation for the following schools: Mayibenye SSS, Libongile SSS, Bensile JSS, St Patrics SSS, Mphuthi SPS, Leppan SPS, Mdlakala JSS, Xonyeni JSS.

New Projects: Construction of classrooms and ablution facilities at the following schools: Caguba SSS and St Patrics SSS

The updated SLP document in English and Setswana translations can be accessed at public libraries. Municipal offices, tribal offices and the Northam Platinum website (www.northam.co.za).

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NOTIFICATION OF LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS TO THE THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY INTERMS OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT 16 OF 2013) AS READ WITH SECTION 16(1) OF THE THABAZIMBI LAND USE MANAGEMENT BYLAW, 2015:

I, Mari Joubert trading as Urban Edge Town Planners, being the authorized agent of the owners of the below properties hereby give notice in terms of Section 16(1)(e) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-law, 2015 read with the Thabazimbi Land Use Scheme, 2014, that application have been made in terms of Section 16(1)(a)(i) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-law, 2015 read together with the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 for the:

Rezoning of Erf 3029 Thabazimbi Extension 18 (amendment scheme number 130) from "Residential 1" to "Residential 4" for purpose of multiple dwelling units. The property is located within the jurisdiction of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) in Thabazimbi along Motsha street.

Rezoning of Erf 3871 Thabazimbi Extension 17 (amendment scheme number 134) from "Residential 1" to "Business 3" for purpose of a Shop (including a beauty salon) and a place of refreshment. The property is located within the jurisdiction of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) at 3872 Henry Laurie Place, Heuwelkruin. Rezoning of a proposed consolidated erf (consolidated from Erf 3061;3062 and 3063 Thabazimbi Extension 18) (amendment scheme number 131) from "Residential 1" to "Residential 4" for purpose of multiple dwelling units. The property is located within the jurisdiction of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) in Thabazimbi along Daffodil Crescent.

Further application have been made in terms of Clause 25 of the Thabazimbi Land Use Scheme, 2014 read with Section 16(3) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-law, 2015 read together with the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 to obtain special consent for a special use for the purpose of a solar farm on Portion 1 of the Farm Zwartwitpensbokfontein 434-KQ. The application property is 17km east of Northam Town near the Koedoeskop agricultural district at the following GPS Coordinates: 24°56'43.38"S 27°26'27.89"E Particulars of the applications will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the office of the Municipal Manager, Thabazimbi Municipality, 7 Rietbok Street, Thabazimbi for a period of 28 days from first date of publication. Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made in writing to the Municipal Manager, Thabazimbi Municipality, at the above-mentioned address or at Private Bag X530, Thabazimbi, 0380 within a period of 28 days from the first date of publication. Dates of publication: 1 March & 8 March 2024

DETAILS OF AGENT: URBAN EDGE TOWN PLANNERS, TEL: 065 735 2031

KENNISGEWING VAN GRONDONTWIKKELING AANSOEKE AAN DIE THABAZIMBI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT IN TERME VAN DIE WET OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING EN GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR, 2013 (WET 16 VAN 2013) GELEES MET ARTIKEL 16(1) EN VAN DIE THABAZIMBI GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR BYWET, 2015:

Ek. Mari Joubert, handeldrywend as Urban Edge Stadsbeplanners, synde die gemagtigde agent van die eienaar van die ondergemelde eiendomme gee hiermee kennis ingevolge Artikel 16(1)(e) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur Bywet, 2015 gelees met die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikskema, 2014, dat aansoek geloots is by die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit dat aansoeke geloots is ingevolge Artikel 16(1)(a)(i) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur Bywet, 2015 gelees met die Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruik Bestuurswet, 2013 vir die: Hersonering van Erf 3029 Thabazimbi Uitbreiding 18 (wysigingskemanommer 130) vanaf "Residensieel 1" na "Residensieel 4" vir die doeleinde van veelvuldige wooneenhede. Die eiendom is geleë binne die jurisdiksie van die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit (TLM) in Thabazimbi te Motsha Straat. Hersonering van Erf 3871 Thabazimbi Uitbreiding 17 (wysigingskemanommer 134) vanaf "Residensieel 1" na "Besigheid 3" vir die doeleinde van 'n winkel (insluitend 'n skoonheidsalon) en 'n verversingsplek. Die eiendom is geleë binne die jurisdiksie van die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit (TLM) in Thabazimbi te Henry Laurie Place 3872, Heuwelkruin. Hersonering van voorgestelde gekonsolideerde erf (Erf 3061;3062;3063 Thabazimbi Uitbreiding 18) (wysigingskemanommer 131) vanaf "Residensieel 1" na "Residensieel 4" vir die doeleinde van veelvuldige wooneenhede. Die eiendom is geleë binne die jurisdiksie van die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit (TLM) in Thabazimbi te Daffodilsingel. Verdere aansoek is gedoen ingevolge Klousule 25 van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikskema, 2014 gelees met Artikel 16(3) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuurbywet, 2015 en die Wet op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur, 2013 om spesiale toestemming verkry vir 'n spesiale gebruik vir die doel van 'n sonkragplaas op Gedeelte 1 van die Plaas Zwartwitpensbokfontein 434-KQ. Die eiendom is 17km oos van Northam dorp in die Koedoeskop landbou distrik, by die volgende GPS-koördinate: 24°56'43.38"S 27°26'27.89"E. Besonderhede van die aansoek lê ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die kantoor van die Munisipale Bestuurder, Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit, Rietbokstraat 7, Thabazimbi vir 'n tydperk van 28 dae vanaf eerste datum van publikasie. Besware teen of vertoë ten opsigte van die aansoek moet skriftelik by die Munisipale Bestuurder, Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit, by bovermelde adres ingedien of gerig word, of by Privaatsak X530, Thabazimbi, 0380 binne 'n tydperk van 28 dae vanaf die eertste datum van publikasie. Datums van publikasie: 1 Maart & 8 Maart 2024 BESONDERHEDE VAN AGENT: URBAN EDGE TOWN PLANNERS, TEL: 065 735 2031

Thabazimbi Hengelklub skitter ten spyte van hittegolf





Jessica Strydom het haar plek as die jongste lid van wat die begin van haar hengelavontuur merk.

Chez-Lyn Strydom is opgemerk met haar pragtige sak tydens een van die inweegsessies, 'n toonbeeld van die gemeenskap se entoesiasme





Damian Reid het hom as een van die nuwe penkop hengelaars gevestig, wat die diversiteit en groei van die klub se talentpoel aandui

Thabazimbi – Die Thabazimbi Hengelklub het die afgelope naweek, 24 tot 25 Februarie 2024, hul maandelikse hengelkompetisie by 'n dam op Makoppa gehou. Ondanks die skroeiende temperature wat 'n hoogtepunt van 39°C bereik het, het lede en nuwelinge saamgekom vir 'n oornagkompetisie wat Saterdagmiddag om 14:00 begin het en Sondag om 12:00 ten einde geloop het. Die kompetisie, bekend vir sy vriendelike dog mededingende gees, het die hengelaars uitgedaag om die grootste karp te vang. Die uithouvermoë van die deelnemers is tot die uiterste beproef, maar die swaar sakke vis wat ingeweeg is, getuig van 'n suksesvolle naweek vol opwinding en prestasie.

Inweegsessies en welkome nuwelinge

Gedurende die kompetisie moes verskeie gehou inweeasessies om word indrukwekkende vangs te akkommodeer. Dit was 'n geleentheid om die klub se nuwe lede te verwelkom en hul bydraes te vier.

Toekomstige kompetisies

Die sukses van die Februarie-kompetisie het die pad gebaan vir toekomstige byeenkomste. Inligting oor die Maart-kompetisie, insluitend datum en plek, sal binnekort bekend gemaak word. Alle belangstellendes, insluitend nuwe lede, word aangemoedig om die klubvoorsitter, Rassie Erasmus, by 072 456 8411 te kontak vir meer



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Private Bag X530. Thabazimbi 0380

Tel: (014) 772 2295 Fax: (014) 777 1531

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NOTICE CALLING FOR THE INSPECTION OF 2024/2029 GENERAL VALUATION ROLL AND LODGING OF OBJECTIONS IN TERMS OF THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY RATES ACT 6 OF 2004 AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section49 (1)(a)(i) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act No 6 of 2004 as amended, hereinafter referred to as the "Act", that the General Valuation Roll for the Financial years 2024-2029 will be open for public inspection at the Municipal Offices mentioned below and on the municipal website www.thabazimbi.gov.za as from Monday 5 February 2024 to Friday, 31 May 2024 during office hours.

Kindly note that General Valuation Roll and Objection Forms will also be available on the TLM website: www.thabazimbi.gov.za. Alternatively the Municipality main office (Finance Building).

An invitation is hereby made in terms of Section 50 (1) (C) of the Act that any owner of property or other person who desires should lodge an objection with the Municipal Manager in respect of any eflected in, or omitted from, the Valuation Roll within the above mentioned period

Attention is specifically drawn to the fact that in terms of Section 50(2) an objection must be in relation to a specific individual property and not against the Valuation Roll as such. The forms for the lodging of an objection are obtainable at the following addresses stated below or the municipal website www. thabazimbi.gov.za. The form for lodging an objection is obtainable at municipal offices and on the website. Completed forms must be returned to the Property Rates Department on or before Friday, 31 May 2024.

For enquiries during office hours please contact:

- Accountant Property rates Moipone Mosito @ (082) 901 0758 or email mositoem@thabazimbi.gov.za;
- Property Rate officer Mahlatsi Mokgoboya @ (060) 961-3719 or email MMokgoboya@thabazimbi.gov.za Municipality Customer care @ (060) 961 3719 or email municipalitycustomer@gmail.com; or
- Manager Revenue Masai Mabotja @ (078) 849 4155 or email mabotjams@thabazimbi.gov.za

For Technical enquiries during office hours contact:

- Mr Tshepo Mokhuwa the Municipal Valuer @ (081) 596-3990 alternatively
- Mr Ofentse Seroto Assistant Municipal Valuer contacted @ (073) 664-656

The original, correct, completed and signed objection forms must be returned to the office of the Municipal Manager, 7 Rietbok Street, Thabazimbi or via email address mentioned above or postal address:

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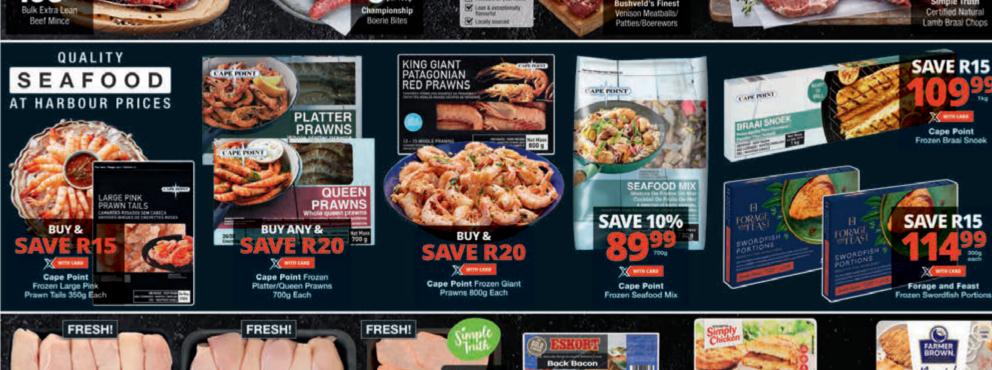




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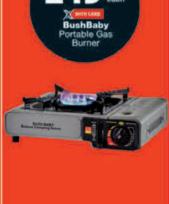












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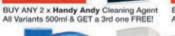












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