

NOKENG COMMUNITY

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WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the Nokeng Community Newsletter. The purpose of this Newsletter is to disseminate information to the community. It is important to point out that the information given here is the most up to date and accurate information approved by Nokeng Management. No communication to the community with regards to the issues concerning and affecting the mine, will contradict what is contained in this Newsletter. The only other legitimate communication will be through the Engagement Forum. The Newsletter will be issued quarterly and will be distributed to the community at the Local Municipalities LED Sections, Libraries and central points agreed upon. Members of the community are encouraged to make suggestions and put forward comments and ideas that are relevant to the challenges they face. This is an introductory issue and more information will be shared with the subsequent issues and as need be.

Our motto is:

**"WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY
FOR A BETTER FUTURE"**

We are looking forward to a good working relationship. For more information or comments, please contact Nthomeng Mahao or Petronella Dikobe at 012 161 0600 or via email at the following addresses: nthomengmahao@nokengmine.co.za petronelladikobe@nokengmine.co.za



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DR LELAU MOHUBA TRAINING CENTRE

Nokeng Fluorspar Mine has built a 2400m² Training Centre at the cost of R17million in 2018. It was officially opened on 23 August 2018. The Training Centre is named after Dr Lelau Mohuba, who is one of the co-founding members and the Chairman of SepFluor Limited. Sixty students will be trained quarterly and they will be trained to become Boilermaker/Welder Aides, Fitter Aides, Electrician Aides and Community House Builders.

For the next 20 years, ± 5000 community members will be trained at the Dr Lelau Mohuba Training Centre with all costs being paid by Nokeng Fluorspar Mine. The mine's cost to company per student is currently standing at R36 000, which includes: two sets of overalls, free study materials, Personal Protective Equipment (safety glasses, pigskin gloves, safety shoes, ear plugs, socks and dust masks), transportation and training by suitably qualified course facilitators.

There will surely be a lot of positive impact in the nine surrounding villages during the life of the mine. Community members will be equipped with skills and therefore become employable and may also become self-employed.



From left to right: Shibe Matjiu (SepFluor Social Development Director), Rob Wagner (SepFluor CEO), the Honourable Gwede Mantashe (Minister of Mineral Resources) and Shadi Mohuba (Wife of SepFluor Chairman, Dr Lelau Mohuba)

WELLNESS

Tips for sustainable, healthy lifestyle changes

Dealing with Snake Bites

Emergency Protocol

In the event of a snake bite:

- keep the victim calm, immobilised and transport the victim to the closest hospital without delay
- if bitten, try to identify or catch the snake for antivenom purposes
- if the victim stops breathing, resort to artificial respiration or make use of a Bag Valve Mask
- call the Poison Information Centre Help Line for further advice at 0861 555 777

Do not:

- apply a tourniquet
- cut and suck the wound
- use ice or very hot water
- give the victim alcohol
- apply electric shock
- inject antivenom randomly



KWA LITHO SECONDARY SCHOOL SCIENCE KITS

The level of a community's readiness for mineral development depends on many contributing factors, including, but not limited to, skills and educational attainment, and community well-being.

Twenty science kits were delivered to Litho Secondary School and one of the objectives, that is expected to be achieved, is to increase the pass rate in all core subjects including Mathematics and Natural Science.

One of the identified Nokeng SLP projects, was the equipping of Litho Secondary School science laboratory. After further engagement with the school, it was recommended that Nokeng Fluorspar Mine should use a more creative form of introducing the mini-science kit at the school for a few years, whilst the Department of Education continues to ensure that a budget will be in place for the equipping of the science laboratory.

Litho Secondary School is situated at Rapotokwane in the Limpopo Province. It falls under the Bela-Bela Municipality and is within the 25km radius from the mining area. There is an estimate of 60 learners between grade 10 and 12 that have enrolled for Maths

and Natural Science in that school and will reap the benefits from using the mini-science kits.

The science kit is a small-scale set that provides a unique way to do the practical work in Chemistry and Natural Science at school from grade 4 - 12. Twenty science kits were delivered to Litho Secondary School and once the objectives are achieved, this is expected to increase the pass rate in all core subjects including Mathematics and Natural Science.

The educational advantage is that the attitude of both teachers and learners will be enhanced towards Science and Chemistry subjects, thus it will establish a positive climate of learning. The science kits are being used by the school for performing chemistry experiments. The experience gained from using these kits, will enable the learners to perform better in their final exams with matric examinations and they will be well-groomed for further studies on tertiary level.



from Latin indigene
indigent *adj*, *form*
noun poverty. [15c:
indigestible *adj*

INDIGENTS PROGRAM

Nokeng Mine is located in Tshwane Municipality and has always been involved in the communities in which it operates, since the beginning of the construction of the mine and the concentrator. The other communities where Nokeng is involved in falls under the James Moroka , Thembisile Hani and Bela-Bela Local Municipalities. As part of its commitment to local communities, Nokeng Fluorspar Mine implemented an Indigent Program in September 2018. The Indigent Program of Nokeng is a provision of some intervention to the Municipal Indigent Policy. Due to the level of unemployment and poverty within these municipal areas, there are both households and citizens who are unable to access or pay for basic services - this grouping is referred to as the “indigent”. The municipalities therefore developed and adopted an Indigent Policy to ensure that the indigents can have access to a package of services included in the various poverty alleviation programmes. Nokeng Mine has identified within the four municipalities four members from indigent families and provided entry level employment in the concentrator plant. The identified individuals wrote an aptitude test and went for the medical assessments.

CERVICAL CANCER

According to the Department of Health, September was Cervical cancer month.

Cervical cancer is caused by certain types of the human papilloma virus (HPV). HPV is a common sexually transmitted viral infection affecting an estimated 80% of sexually active women at some point in their lives. While infection with HPV can cause conditions such as genital warts, it often causes no symptoms.

Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer among South African women. It is curable if detected and treated in the early stages.

Reduce risk through pap smears

Having regular **Pap smears** can detect abnormal cells in the cervix (lower part or mouth of the womb), that could develop into cervical cancer. Screening involves taking a swab of the cervical cells. It is uncomfortable, but painless.

When abnormal cells are identified and removed, in many cases it is prior to cancer cells actually developing. Early diagnosis and treatment of pre-cancerous lesions prevents up to 80% of cervical cancers, in high resource countries, where cervical cancer screening is routine.

Contact your local CANSA Centre to arrange for a pap smear, or if you live in a remote area, enquire about scheduled CANSA Mobile Health Clinic visits to your area. Your health practitioner can also assist you.

Who should you have a pap smear?

All woman who have been sexually active should start having pap smears between ages of 18 to 20 years.

Note:

- Every eligible woman should preferably have a pap smear at least every three years.
- It is better to have a pap smear at a less optimal time, than not at all.
- Routine cervical screening is not required for women under the age of 18 years, even if they are sexually active.
- If a woman is 70 years old and within the last 5 years had two normal pap smears, she needs not continue with pap smears.

Reduce risk through vaccinations

Women who have had the vaccination should continue to be screened for cervical cancer.

NOKENG ENGAGEMENT FORUM

The Municipal Systems Act (32 of 2000) is a guideline which informs us of our daily interactions and relationships with our communities. It is a legislative requirement for Ward Councillors to ensure community participation through ward committees, which one would say is an improved and developed version of what we knew of as street committees. Nokeng has established an Engagement Forum, which consists of Ward Councillors and Traditional Council Representatives, who will in turn, report back to their respective Ward Committees and Councils and subsequently to the communities.

Geographical Area

The Forum will consider matters relating to the affected communities within the Nokeng affected mine areas, namely: Rapotokwane, Pienaars River, Rust de Winter, Nokaneng, Mmamethlake, Pankop, Phake , Rooikop and Moloto.

Purpose and Objectives

The Forum has an advisory and advocacy role within the civil society at large to Nokeng Mine inter alia for:

- facilitation of projects and programs in the area of the Nokeng affected communities. Building partnerships and networks to assist in empowerment in the affected areas
- build partnership and networks between civil society and the Nokeng Mine
- develop a communication strategy to share information on resources and services
- facilitate establishment of a database of all organisations within the four municipalites and develop an effective referral system

Membership

Forum members represent the interests of the community as a whole, rather than any particular organisation of which they might also be members.

The forum is made up of:

- a Ward Councillor of the affected ward
- Representatives from Traditional Councils
- Delegated Community Members
- Nominated Employees of the Nokeng Mine

NOKENG STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



From left to right: Chris Mulder, Chris Potgieter, Dr Lelau Mohuba and Bert van Straaten at Bakgatla Ba Maloka Tribal Office

The local historical, cultural, political and legislative context helps a mine to determine who comprises the local community and the best way of interacting and engaging with the people in that specific community. Early in the engagement process, Nokeng Fluorspar Mine sought the information on how the local communities are constituted from a broad cross-section of people to ensure that the engagement processes are tailored accordingly.

Nokeng Fluorspar Mine has done an extensive consultation within nine affected communities. The mine has not only consulted with four affected municipalities, but has also engaged with the respectable tribal houses. Nokeng Fluorspar Mine is located on the border of three provinces, which are Mpumalanga, Limpopo and Gauteng. The focus was on the nine communities that are within the ± 25 kilometres radius from the mine. The communities which Nokeng management took a road show are: Pienaars River, Pankop, Phake, Mmametlhake, Rapotokwane, Rust de Winter and Moloto.

Four municipalities that are affected are Tshwane, Dr JS Moroka, Bela-Bela and Thembisile Hani Municipality. The chiefs that the mine is in contact with are as follows: Chief Mahlangu from Rapotokwane, Chief Maloka from Pankop, Chief Mokgoto from Mmametlhake and Chieftainess Lefifi. There is also Chief Skosana from Moloto.

LEBOGANG ODIRILE COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTRE

Lebogang Odirile Community Support Centre is a Non-Profit Organisation (Registration Number: 098-313-NPO), which serves as a community service organisation in the Pienaars River area.

It was established in 2009 and is currently being managed by Mpho Makhopela and others.

The organisation specialises in the following: TB and HIV treatments, workshops, counselling, homebased care, patient transportation and empowerment programs. Services are limited due to the regulations and procedures of hospice. This support centre focuses on patients with severely compromised health conditions.



Above: Before Health Care Intervention



Above: After Health Care Intervention – Lebogang Odirile Community Support Centre's homebased care workers in their new uniforms and fully equipped for their tasks



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From left to right: Maggi Tswai, Lerato Mokgwa and Lillian Senyai received R50,000 capital from SepFluor Limited

ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING

SepFluor, as the holding company of Nokeng Fluorspar Mine, has trained 29 entrepreneurs from the neighbouring and affected villages. There were 9 males and 20 females, of which three women were assisted with capital since they were the best entrepreneurship trainees.

These communities reside mainly in the following Municipalities: Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, Thembisile Hani Local Municipality and Bela-Bela Local Municipality, which partnered with SepFluor and KBC Consulting to ensure the success of the program.

The training courses that were offered are the following: Creativity and Innovation; Assessing Business Viability; Entrepreneurship; Effective Marketing Tools; Negotiation Skills; Tendering; Pricing and Costing; Understanding South African Tax Basics; Bookkeeping; Financial Management and Successful Business Planning.

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