

Anglo's Isibonelo operation invests R27m in aid of sanitation

Anglo American's Isibonelo operation and the Govan Mbeki Municipality have signed a memorandum of agreement, signaling the launch of a R27m infrastructure development project that forms part of the mine's social and labour plan. The agreement is focused on improving sanitation in the communities of Lebohang and Emzinoni in Mpumalanga.



Existing sanitation infrastructure in Lebohang Extension 16 is in poor condition and, after numerous instances of equipment malfunction, parts of the structure are either defective or show clear signs of deterioration. The mine will replace the existing sewer line and main outfall network at a cost of R22m.

The second component of the project involves a R5.7m replacement of two of the four failing pump stations in Emzinoni.

Improved community health and living standards

"At Anglo American, we aim to ensure that local communities benefit from our presence in the area. This includes improving service delivery by enhancing the capacity of local municipalities," said Isibonelo mine's general manager, Dirk Miller.



"This project will improve community health and living standards and provides an example of what can be achieved through partnership between the private and public sectors," he continued.

"The municipality is excited about this initiative. This type of partnership will benefit the people, who want to see development," said Councillor Sakhile Mahlangu, a member of the mayoral committee for planning and development at the Govan Mbeki Municipality.

Black-owned businesses based in Lebohang and Emzinoni will carry out the work to facilitate employment creation and skills transfer. Both projects are due for completion by the end of 2014.

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