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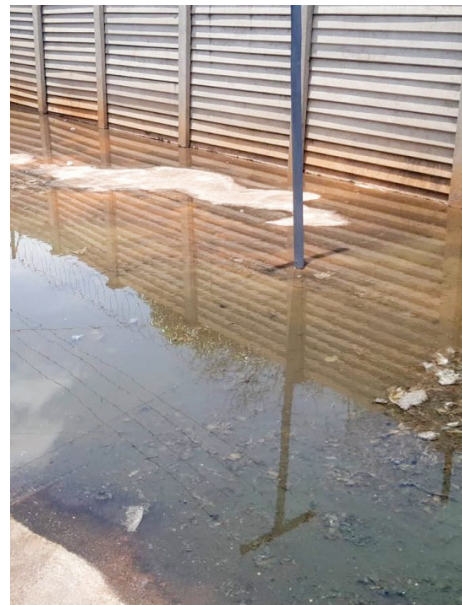
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Marble Hall sewerage crisis reaches boiling point



Sewerage in Marble Hall



“The time for excuses is over. Our residents deserve dignity, health, and the services they pay for, and I will fight at every level to ensure they get it”



MARBLE HALL

Residents of Marble Hall in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM) are up in arms over the ongoing sewerage crisis, with Democratic Alliance (DA) Councillor Flip Jacobs, accusing Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) of negligence and abuse.

The residents are living in a nightmare as raw sewerage spills everywhere, posing a serious health hazard to the community.

In a strongly-worded statement, Cllr Jacobs said SDM officials are hiding behind “pathetic excuses” such as supply chain failures and procurement processes, leaving rate-paying citizens in a health crisis.

“Our community is drowning in raw sewerage, and SDM officials are doing nothing about it. This is not just incompetence, it is wilful neglect and abuse of the very people who fund these salaries through their rates,” Jacobs said.

The councillor has placed SDM on formal notice, vowing to escalate the matter to the MEC for Cooperative Governance in Limpopo, the Public Protector, and the Human Rights Commission if necessary.

“I will mobilize community action, engage the media, and ensure this crisis receives the attention it demands,” Jacobs said. If democratic channels fail, Cllr Jacobs warned he will support and participate in lawful protest action, including criminal complaints against officials for dereliction of duty.

“The time for excuses is over. Our residents deserve dignity, health, and the services they pay for, and I will fight at every level to ensure they get it,” he said.

Residents have echoed Cllr Jacobs’ sentiments, expressing their frustration and desperation.

“Enough is enough, we can’t be happy with poor service delivery. The technicians in the field are also being failed by poor and ruthless management. Why are rates and taxpayers needs to suffer because managers are too lazy to leave their office to see what is happening on ground level?” asked a resident. Residents are complaining of foul smells, contaminated water sources, and increased risk of waterborne diseases. The crisis has sparked outrage among residents, who are demanding action from SDM to address the issue and provide relief to those affected.

“It is a health crisis waiting to happen. We need SDM to act now and fix this problem,” said a resident.

The SDM is yet to respond to the publication’s enquiries.

Residents of Marble Hall, led by DA Councillor Flip Jacobs, outrage over raw sewerage spills visible everywhere, posing serious health hazards to the community.



The unlicensed firearm that was recovered by the police during the operation.



Various drugs including crystal meth and nyaope were recovered by the police during the highly intensified Operation Shanela.

Over eight hundred suspects nabbed during Operation Shanela

LIMPOPO - The police in Limpopo have arrested 890 suspects and recovered seven firearms, as well as ammunition and illicit drugs, in a week-long crime-fighting Operation Shanela.

The operation, carried out from Monday 1 to Sunday 7 December 2025, focused on dismantling criminal networks, clamping down on illegal firearms, and enforcing compliance with national legislation.

The multidisciplinary takedown was conducted in collaboration with various law enforcement agencies and strategic partners across the province.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, during the operation, the police made arrests for a range of serious and violent crimes, including illegal possession of firearms and ammunition, rape, murder, drug-related offences, robbery, assault GBH, burglary, and incidents of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"The police also arrested scores of undocumented foreign nationals during the integrated operation," Colonel Ledwaba said. He said the operation yielded significant results, suspects arrested and charged with various crimes, where 4 were arrested for rape, ten suspects nabbed for murder, six arrested for attempted murder, 92 for illegal migration, 26 arrested for driving under the influence and eleven

arrested for robbery with aggravating circumstances.

Furthermore, 39 suspects were arrested for malicious damage to property, 10 for burglary residential, three nabbed for theft of motor vehicle or motorcycle while 84 suspects arrested for assault GBH.

"During the operation, the police recovered 7 firearms, 147 rounds of ammunition, 50.188g crystal meth, 0.3751kg of dagga and 96.696g of nyaope. The arrested suspects have already begun appearing before various magistrates' courts throughout Limpopo," informed Ledwaba.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, welcomed the results and reaffirmed the police's unwavering commitment to rooting out illegal firearms and ensuring community safety.

"These results demonstrate our resolve to tackle crime and ensure that Limpopo remains a safe and secure province for all," Hadebe said.

She went on to emphasize that the police will continue to work tirelessly to combat crime and urged the public to report any suspicious activity to the authorities.

"We will continue to work tirelessly to combat crime and ensure that Limpopo remains a safe and secure province for all," she said.

Bogus police investigator targets Groblersdal and Burgersfort communities



Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, urges community members to remain vigilant and to never hand over bank cards or personal information to anyone.

GROBLERSDAL/BURGERSFORT - The police in Limpopo are warning community members about a male suspect driving a white bakkie who has been posing as a police investigator in Groblersdal, Burgersfort, and surrounding areas.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the suspect approaches unsuspecting victims and falsely claims they are wanted for allegedly robbing other people.

He then demands that the individuals produce their bank cards under the pretext of "verifying" them.

"During this interaction, the victims are scammed, and shortly afterward, receive bank notifications alerting them to unauthorized withdrawals from their accounts," Colonel Ledwaba said.

He said the police have intensified efforts to trace the suspect and are investigating the possibility of a broader syndicate operating in the area.


"Anyone who has fallen victim to this scam, or who has information that may assist in the arrest of the suspect, is urged to contact Crime Stop on 08600 10111, their nearest police station, or report anonymously via the MySAPSApp," Ledwaba said.

He emphasized that the police are committed to protecting the community and will do everything possible to apprehend the suspect.

"We take these incidents very seriously and are working tirelessly to bring the perpetrator to justice," Ledwaba said.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, urges community members to remain vigilant and to never hand over bank cards or personal information to anyone claiming to be a police official.

"If unsure, individuals are encouraged to request official identification or immediately contact the nearest police station for verification," Hadebe said.



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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT - BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE INTENTION TO LODGE AN APPLICATION FOR THE BORROW PITS AND UPGRADING OF ACCESS ROAD D4230 AND D4227 IN LEOLO WITHIN MAKHUDUTHAMAGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE IN TERMS OF REGULATIONS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT NOTICE GNR 327 OF APRIL 2017, REGULATIONS AS AMENDED IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, OF (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998),

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 41(2) published in Government Notice No R 326 under chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998) of the intent to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) application to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), and General Authorisation/ Water User License with the Department of Water and Sanitation.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Roads Agency Limpopo Soc Ltd (RAL) would like to Excavate 1,0 and 4,97 hectares from two Borrow Pits to upgrade Road D4230 and 4227 located in the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, Sekhukhune District in the Limpopo Province.

The EIA is conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 (as amended on 07 April 2017) for the following listed activities:

Listing Notice 1 Activity 21: Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including — (a) associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks, directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource; or (b) the primary processing of a mineral resource including winning, extraction, classifying, concentrating, crushing, screening or washing;

Listing Notice 1 Activity 27 (i): The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for (i) the undertaking of a linear activity.

Listing Notice 3 Activity 12e(ii): The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.

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i. Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004;

ii. Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans; or iii. On land, where, at the time of the coming into effect of this Notice or thereafter such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning

The National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), Water use application in terms of:

Section 21 (c) impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse;

Section 21(f) altering the bed, banks, course, or characteristics of a watercourse.

QEMS Management and Business Solutions cc has been appointed by ECE Engineering (Pty) Ltd on behalf of RAL as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Basic Assessment process for proposed Borrow Pits, road upgrade and water use application in terms of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, the National Water Act 36 of 1998 and the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002. You are hereby invited to register and provide written comments as Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). Please submit your name, contact details and any comments to the contact person below.

PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Basic Assessment Report will be available for review for a period of 30 days from the notification date. For more information, registration as an I&AP or submission of written comments contact by email and phone,

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER
Contact person details: Ms Kholofelo Magopa, Cell: 061 535 3141, E-mail: Kholofelo@QEMS.co.za / sitholetp@QEMS.co.za

EFF slams Apartheid-Like conditions in Limpopo farms



EFF Councillor in SDM, Ali Malabo, addressing farm workers who are allegedly abused by their employees.

SEKHUKHUNE - A shocking revelation of apartheid-like conditions in Limpopo farms has been exposed by EFF Councillor in Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Ali Maloba, who claims that farm workers in the region are being physically abused and harassed by white farmers.

Maloba stated that farm workers in areas such as Groblersdal, Loskop, Marble Hall, Bela Bela, Louistrichard, Mokopane, and Nylstroom are subjected to racist treatment, including the use of the K-word.

He alleged that white farmers are 100% racist and only care about profit and slavery.

"The use of the K-word in the farms is normal. Farm workers continue to experience apartheid after democracy," Maloba said.

He added that cases referred to the Human Rights Commission always favour the racist farmers because they have capital and are defended by some of white

favoured lobby groups in court.

Maloba also criticized the lack of transformation in Sekhukhune District, saying that the legacies of apartheid are still conserved in the area. He questioned why towns like Groblersdal, named after apartheid heroes, have not been renamed.

"The history of apartheid in Groblersdal is part of the broader system of racial segregation in South Africa," he said.

Maloba stated that the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) would continue to fight racism in the farms and workplaces.

"We still have a long way to go. In actual sense, Groblersdal, Marble Hall, and Loskop should be declared racist small towns," Maloba said.

The EFF has vowed to support farm workers in their fight against racism and has called for the district to be placed under administration to address the issue.

EMLM kicks-off Festive Season Safety Campaign



EMLM Traffic Department conducting the Festive Season Safety Campaign in Groblersdal.

GROBLERSDAL - The Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Traffic Department has on Friday 5 December 2025, launched the Festive Season Safety Campaign with a roadblock near Eskom Park in Groblersdal, aiming to strengthen road safety and promote adherence to municipal bylaws during the busy festive period.

The operation marked the first leg of the official launch of the Municipal Festive Season Safety Campaign, aims to promote a culture of responsible driving and reduce the risk of accidents during the high-travel season.

As the festive season approaches, the municipality anticipate an increase in traffic, and it's crucial that motorists and public transport operators take responsibility for their safety and the safety of others.

Speaking on the initiative, EMLM Spokesperson, Simon Makua, emphasized the importance of safety on the roads.

Makua said the operation saw traffic officers inspecting vehicle roadworthiness, driver documentation, and public transport permits to ensure compliance with regulations.

"We urge motorists to exercise caution, obey speed limits, and ensure their vehicles are roadworthy. Public transport operators must also comply with all traffic regulations to safeguard passengers," Makua added.

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality is committed to creating safer roads and fostering a responsible driving culture throughout the festive season and beyond.

The municipality appeals to the public to cooperate with traffic officers and take necessary precautions to ensure a safe and enjoyable festive season.

MEC Mathye advices communities of stokvel safety risks

SEKHUKHUNE - Limpopo MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Violet Mathye, is urging communities across the province to be cautious when handling stokvel savings and social-club funds during the festive season.

As thousands prepare to withdraw or distribute money saved throughout the year, MEC Mathye warns that criminals are targeting stokvel groups, social savings clubs, and individuals withdrawing large amounts of cash.

"Criminals are watching, and they strike fast. We urge every community member to prioritise safety and avoid carrying or withdrawing large amounts of cash," she said.

To stay safe, MEC Mathye advises stokvels and savings groups to avoid withdrawing bulk cash, especially during high-risk periods and use

electronic transfers for payouts directly into each member's bank account.

Mathye furthered advised the public to deposit contributions electronically instead of collecting cash at meetings.

"Keep meeting times, pay-out dates, and venues private, remain vigilant when entering or leaving banks, ATMs, or financial institutions and report suspicious behaviour immediately to the nearest police station," she said.

Mathye went on to say: "We want every citizen to enjoy the festive season safely," MEC Mathye added. "Let us be proactive, vigilant, and responsible with our finances. Together, we can prevent crime and protect our hard-earned savings."

To report crime or suspicious activity, call SAPS Crime Stop on 08600 10111 or use the MySAPS App.



MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Violet Mathye, urging communities across the province to be cautious when handling stokvel savings.



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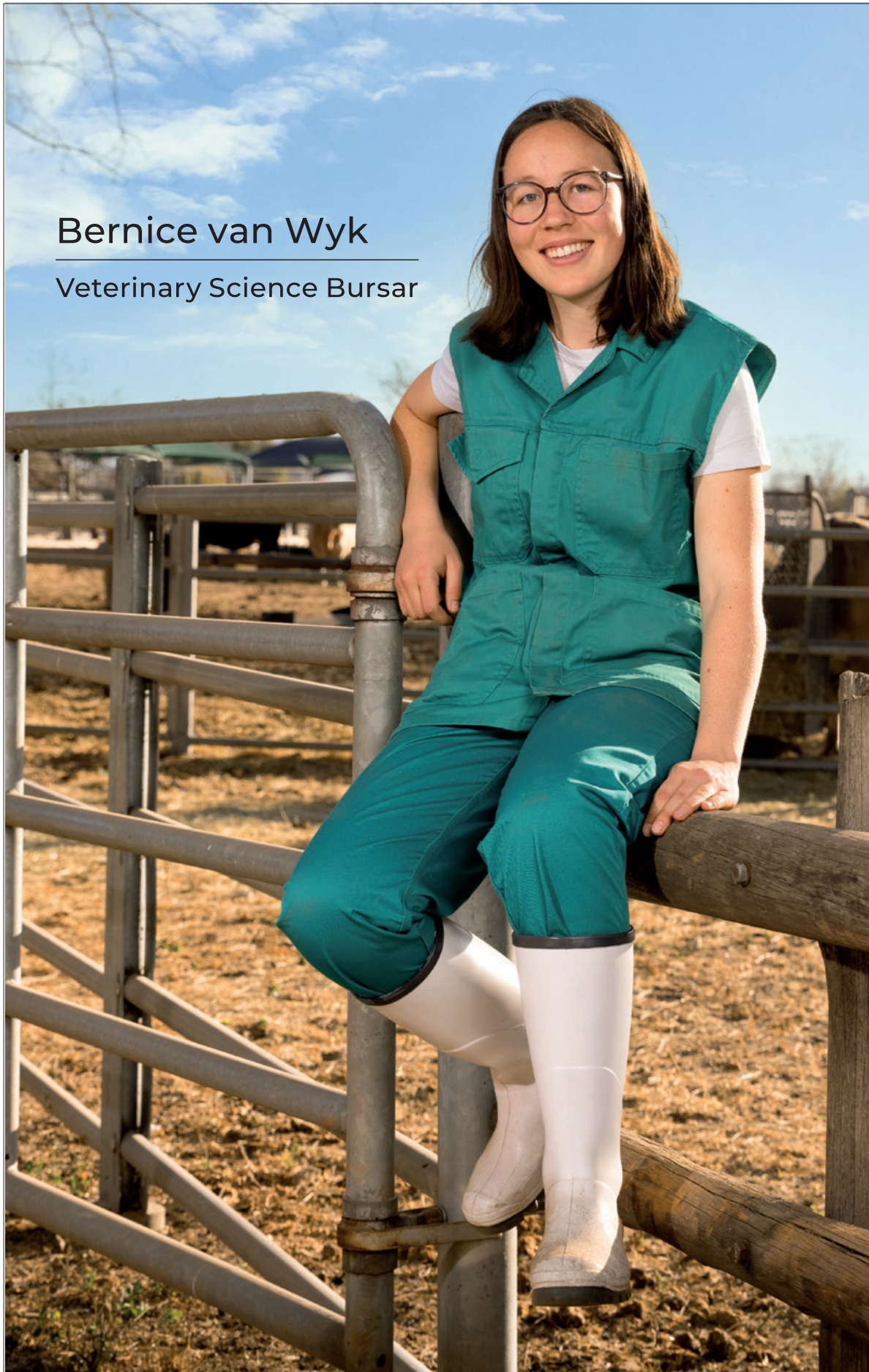
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Growing up, I was surrounded by animals, nurturing a deep passion for their well-being. So, when it came time to choose a career path, becoming a vet was a natural choice.

When I didn't get into vet school on my first try, I didn't let it deter me, I found new hope with Glencore's support, which enabled me to secure my spot the next year.

University life and the workload in veterinary science have been intense, but I've embraced the challenge. I've shadowed veterinarians in Lydenburg, learning about various animal diseases firsthand that has been invaluable to my studies.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the prospect of entering my clinical year. I see myself running my own vet practice one day, catering to both pets and production animals in my hometown. With Glencore by my side, I'm confident in achieving this dream.

My advice to anyone pursuing their dreams is simple: stay passionate and determined.

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Security company director arrested for illegal firearms and ammunitions



A security company director, Makopole Jones Mathunyane, was arrested by the Hawks and charged with unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.



The unlawful firearms and ammunition that were recovered in possession of Makopole Jones Mathunyane during his arrest.

DENNILTON - A 49-year-old security company director, Makopole Jones Mathunyane, appeared in the Moutse Magistrate's Court on Wednesday 3 December 2025, facing charges of unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

Mathunyane was arrested on Tuesday 2 December 2025, at Motsia Mall in Dennilton, by the Polokwane-based Hawks Serious Organised Crime Investigation (SOI) and other law enforcement authorities.

Warrant Officer Lethunya Mmuroa, Hawks Spokesperson in Limpopo, said the arrest followed a tip-off about a security company operating with unlicensed firearms in Dennilton.

"During the arrest, the police seized two rifles, a pump gun, and ammunition during the operation," he said.

Mmuroa said the case was remanded and the suspect will appear again soon for a bail application, with police investigations ongoing.

GENERAL NOTICE

AMENDMENT SCHEME: DP-25/07-03

PROPOSED REZONING IN TERMS OF SECTION 62-

AND THE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE AND/OR OBSOLETE CONDITIONS OF TITLE IN TERMS OF SECTION 63-
OF THE ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SPLUM BY-LAW, 2016

We, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), the authorized agents of the registered owners of Portion 2 of Erf 308 of the Groblersdal Extension 2 Township, hereby give notice that we have applied to the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality for the amendment of the Elias Motsoaledi Land Use Scheme, 2020, for the rezoning of the above-mentioned property, situated at 24A Muller Street, from "Residential 1" to "Residential 3" in terms of Section 62 of the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality SPLUM by-law, 2016, more specifically to make provision for dwelling units. The removal of restrictive title conditions is applied for in terms of section 63 of the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality SPLUM by-law, 2016 to remove the following conditions;

Conditions 1.(a) ; (b) ; (c) ; (d) ; (e) ; 2.(a) ; (b) ; (c)(i) ; c(ii) ; c(iii) ; (d) ; (e) ; 3.(i) ; 3.(ii) as appear in Deed of Transfer No. T 2285/2025.

Particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the Town Planner of the Local Municipality, 22 Van Riebeeck St, Groblersdal, 0470, for a period of 30 days from 12 December 2025.

Contact details of the Authorised Municipal Employee: Mr. B. Sethojoa: 013 262 3056/7/8

Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made to the above-mentioned address before 13 January 2026.

Any person who is unable to read or write can consult with any staff member during office hours and assistance will be provided to write down the person's objections or comments.

Address of authorised agent:
KMC Geomatics,
10 Kruger Street, Groblersdal, 0470
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Ref. No.: 308GD

ALGEMENE KENNISGEWING

WYSIGINGSKEMA DP-25/07-03

HERSONERING IN TERME VAN ARTIKEL 62-

EN DIE OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKENDE EN/OF UITGEVALLE TITELVOORWAARDES IN TERME VAN ARTIKEL 63-
VAN DIE ELIAS MOTSOLEDI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT SPLUM BYWET, 2016

Ons, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), die gemagtigde agente van die geregistreerde eienaars van Gedeelte 2 van Erf 308 van Groblersdal Uitbreiding 2, gee hiermee kennis dat ons by die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aansoek gedoen het vir die wysiging van die Elias Motsoaledi Grondgebruikskema, 2020, vir die hersonering van die bogenoemde eiendom, geleë in Mullerstraat 24A, vanaf "Residensieel 1" na "Residensieel 3" ingevolge Artikel 62 van die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit SPLUM bywet, 2016, meer spesifiek om voorsiening te maak vir wooneenhede. Daar word ook aansoek gedoen om die opheffing van beperkende titelvoorwaardes ingevolge artikel 63 van die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit SPLUM bywet, 2016 om die volgende voorwaardes te verwyder;

Voorwaardes 1.(a) ; (b) ; (c) ; (d) ; (e) ; 2.(a) ; (b) ; (c)(i) ; c(ii) ; c(iii) ; (d) ; (e) ; 3.(i) ; 3.(ii) soos verskyn in Transportakte No. T2285/2025.

Besonderhede van die aansoek le ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die Stadsbeplanner van die Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Van Riebeeck St 22, Groblersdal, 0470, vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf 12 Desember 2025.

Kontakbesonderhede van die Gemagtigde Munisipale Werknemer: Mnr. B. Sethojoa: 013 262 3056/7/8

Besware teen-, of verhoë ten opsigte van die aansoek moet voor 13 Januarie 2026 by bogenoemde adres ingedien of gerig word.

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MEC Mahoai hands over new traditional offices in Ga-Manoke

GA-MANOKE - Acting Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune Limpopo Premier who is MEC for Finance in the province, Kgabo Mahoai, has reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening the institution of traditional leadership.

Mahoai said during the official handover and opening of the Ga-Manoke Traditional Council's new offices in Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM).

The handover ceremony, held on Friday 5 December 2025, was attended by a distinguished delegation, including the Mayor of FTLM Cllr Eddie Maila, Acting

Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Cllr Kukie Sefala Makgolane, and other local government officials.

The new traditional council offices represent a significant investment in restoring dignity, strengthening traditional governance, and supporting the work of traditional leaders as key partners in development, social cohesion, and community stability.

FTLM Mayor Maila appreciates the continued support of the Limpopo Provincial Government in fulfilling this important mandate.



MEC for Finance in Limpopo, Kgabo Mahoai, officially handing over the new traditional council offices at Ga-Manoke Village outside Burgersfort.



The new traditional council offices at Ga-Manoke Village are expected to restore dignity and strengthen traditional governance.



**PUBLIC NOTICE
MUNICIPAL OFFICE
CLOSURE FOR 2025
FESTIVE SEASON**

The public and other stakeholders are hereby informed that the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality's offices will close for Festive Season, as approved by council on the 21st November 2025 (Council resolution: R422.11.2025ND).

The offices will be closed on Friday, 19th December 2025 (13:00).



The offices will officially open on Monday, 05th January 2026 (07:45) for normal operations.

Further note that the essential services will continue to be tendered as usual during the office closure period.

The Municipality extends gratitude to all residents and other stakeholders for their support throughout the year and wishes everyone a safe and peaceful festive season ..

Disability Fun Day celebrated in Mogorwane



The recently crowned Miss South Africa Disability, Botšeeetše Kgaphola, was among dignitaries who attended the Disability Fun Day.



SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, addressing the Disability Fun Day at Mogorwane Village.

MOGORWANE – The Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), has on Saturday 6 December 2025 hosted the Disability Fun Day at Mogorwane Village outside Jane Furse under the theme: "Creating Multi-Sectoral Partnership for a Disability Inclusive Day".

The Disability Fun Day aimed to promote awareness and understanding of disability issues, and to celebrate the resilience and hope of people with disabilities.

The event brought together local leaders, stakeholders, and people with disabilities to promote awareness, inclusion, and empowerment.

During the event, the Executive Mayor of SDM, Cllr Minah Bahula, highlighted the importance of creating an inclusive environment where people with disabilities can participate fully in socio-economic development. She was joined by MEC for Social Development Florence Radzilani

"We are committed to fostering a society that values and supports people with disabilities. This event is a step towards creating a more inclusive and equitable community," Bahula said.

The event featured the presence of Miss South Africa Disability, Botšeeetše Kgaphola, who was recently crowned at a national event in Venda.

The Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Municipality, Cllr Merah Mahlase, and several MMCs from the district municipality also attended the event.



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RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH

ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF LAND

- **Health and Safety Hazards:** Unregulated settlements often lack basic services such as adequately developed roads, sanitation and waste disposal, leading to an increased risk of diseases.
- **Vulnerability to Disasters:** Illegal and unsafe connections to the electricity grid pose a high risk of electrical fires. Settlements in unsuitable areas like wetlands or flood plains are vulnerable to environmental disasters such as floods.
- **Lack of Security of Tenure:** Occupiers have no legal claim to the land and are vulnerable to eviction at any time through legal court processes.
- **Exploitation:** Desperate citizens are often victims of "shack syndicates" or individuals who illegally sell parcels of land they do not own, leading to financial loss and potential eviction.
- **Future Development:** Unauthorised occupation of land deprives communities' facilities like schools, medical centres, shops and other socio-economic facilities that can benefit communities.

THLM calls upon all community members to act responsibly as we combat the illegal land invasion pandemic. Land Invasion can be reported to the municipality using the following number: **013 986 9100**, community members may also report cases to their respective ward councillors.



GENERAL NOTICE

SCHEME No.: DP-2025/07-02
ANNEXURE: 25-05

PROPOSED REZONING IN TERMS OF SECTION 62- AND THE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE AND/OR OBSOLETE CONDITIONS OF TITLE IN TERMS OF SECTION 63- OF THE ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SPLUM BY-LAW, 2016

We, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), the authorized agents of the registered owners of Erf 183 of the Groblersdal Extension 1 Township, hereby give notice that we have applied to the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality for the amendment of the Elias Motsoaledi Land Use Scheme, 2020, for the rezoning of the above-mentioned property, situated at C/O Buite- and Haarhoff Street, from "Residential 1" to "Residential 3" in terms of Section 62 of the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality SPLUM by-law, 2016, more specifically to make provision for dwelling units. The removal of restrictive title conditions is applied for in terms of section 63 of the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality SPLUM by-law, 2016 to remove the following conditions;

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Particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the Town Planner of the Local Municipality, 22 Van Riebeeck St, Groblersdal, 0470, for a period of 30 days from 12 December 2025.

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WYSIGINGSKEMA No.: DP-2025/07-02
BYLAAG: 25-05

HERSONERING IN TERME VAN ARTIKEL 62- EN DIE OPHEFFING VAN BEPERKENDE EN/OF UITGEVALLE TITELVOORWAARDES IN TERME VAN ARTIKEL 63- VAN DIE ELIAS MOTSOLEDI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT SPLUM BYWET, 2016

Ons, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), die gemagtigde agente van die geregistreerde eienaars van Erf 183 van Groblersdal Uitbreiding 1, gee hiermee kennis dat ons by die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aansoek gedoen het vir die wysiging van die Elias Motsoaledi Grondgebruikskema, 2020, vir die hersonering van die bogenoemde eiendom, geleë te H/V Buite- en Haarhoffstraat, vanaf "Residensieel 1" na "Residensieel 3" ingevolge Artikel 62 van die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit SPLUM bywet, 2016, meer spesifiek om voorsiening te maak vir wooneenhede. Daar word ook aansoek gedoen om die opheffing van beperkende titelvoorwaardes ingevolge artikel 63 van die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit SPLUM bywet, 2016 om die volgende voorwaardes te verwyder;

Voorwaardes 1.(a) ; (b) ; (c) ; (d) ; (e) ; (f) ; (g) ; (h) ; (i) ; (j) ; (k) ; (l) and (m) soos verskyn in Transportakte No. T4532/2025.

Besonderhede van die aansoek le ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die Stadsbeplanner van die Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Van Riebeeck St 22, Groblersdal, 0470, vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf 12 Desember 2025.

Kontakbesonderhede van die Gemagtigde Munisipale Werknemer: Mnr. B. Sethojoa: 013 262 3056/7/8

Besware teen-, of vertoë ten opsigte van die aansoek moet voor 13 Januarie 2026 by bogenoemde adres ingedien of gerig word.

Enige persoon wat nie kan lees of skryf nie, kan gedurende kantoorure met enige personeelid konsulteer en hulp sal verleen word om die persoon se besware of kommentaar neer te skryf.

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DA calls for probe into FTLM Acting MM's alleged irregular appointment

BURGERSFORT - The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM), seeks the MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA), Masikopo Makamu, to intervene in the alleged irregular and unlawful appointment of Acting Municipal Manager, Mavis Magowa.

According to the party, Magowa has been acting in the position since October 2024 without the required concurrence from MEC Makamu, rendering her actions, including her acting allowances, unlawful and irregular.

The DA claims that Magowa's appointment followed the unlawful suspension and dismissal of Municipal Manager

Joel Makgatha, a process marred by litigation and five judgements against the municipality.

Isaac Makofane, DA Councillor in FTLM, said the party is concerned about Magowa's alleged failure to follow procurement processes, signing debt security without council resolution, and her inability to advise council as per the Municipal Finance Management Act.

"We are calling for the municipality to be placed under administration to prevent further irregularities and unlawful actions that undermine service delivery," he said.

At the time of going to press, the FTLM could not respond to the publication's enquiries.



DA Councillor in FTLM, Isaac Makofane, says the party is concerned about Magowa's alleged failure to follow procurement processes.



The DA in FTLM seeks MEC for CoGHSTA, Basikopo Makamu, to intervene in the alleged irregular and unlawful appointment of FTLM Acting Municipal Manager, Mavis Magowa.

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Moganyaka Small Boys wins BOGHXARA PTY LTD Tournament



Moganyaka Small Boys FC celebrating after they were crowned champions of BOGHXARA PTY LTD Under 17 Boys Football Tournament.

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Moganyaka Small Boys FC were crowned champions of the BOGHXARA PTY LTD Under 17 Boys Football Tournament, which was held at the Leeufontain Sports Complex on Saturday 6 December 2025.

The tournament kicked off at 9:00am with thrilling matches played throughout the day.

During the tournament, Moganyaka Small Boys defeated Thabang Nabo FC 3-1 on penalties after a 3-3 draw in full time.

The following match saw C4 United FC winning 2-0 against Seroka FC, while Golden Boys FC defeated Kgatla FC 2-1.

In the semi-finals, C4 United FC defeated Thabang Nabo FC 2-0, and Moganyaka Small Boys FC emerged victorious 7-6 on penalties

against Golden Boys FC, after a 3-3 draw.

The final match was a nail-biter, with Moganyaka Small Boys FC defeating C4 United FC 2-1 to claim the championship title.

Tournament organiser, Moruti Monama said: "It was a marvellous day in the industry of football. We are pleased that the pitch was full of support, and the weather was perfect. Our referees were neutral, and the sponsors are happy, promising to return next year."

Thabang Nabo FC Chairman, Thabang Makwela, thanked organisers for engaging his team in the tournament.

"I'm proud of my boys for taking the games seriously until we became champions. For me, Christmas is already in my home," he said.

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No To Land Invasions!

The Thembisile Hani Local Municipality (THLM) is currently dealing with the concerning increase in unauthorised land occupation; this includes the invasion of state land (land managed by a national or provincial government or municipality) and privately owned land.

The THLM bylaw regarding land invasion characterises invasion as the unauthorised occupation of land, with the intention of establishing dwellings and/ or a settlement upon it.

The current administration of the municipality signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the traditional leadership within the jurisdiction of THLM. The MOU states that both parties agree that no allocation of land and/ or sale of stands for new developments within the municipality for the next 36 months (starting from June 2023) will take place, as the municipality is utilising this period to address potential service delivery challenges such as bulk water shortages.

It is crucial that the occupation of land be done as prescribed by the Spatial Planning Land Use Management Act, 2013, read together with the municipal Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-Law and the municipal Land Use Management Scheme to ensure the safe and sustainable allocation of land for the communities.

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