



Olifants Management Model (OMM) Programme



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Sod-turning signals start of construction phase

The community launch and official sod-turning of the Olifants Management Model (OMM) Programme took place on the 27th of October.



The event was hosted in collaboration with the Department of Water and Sanitation and attended by traditional leaders from across Sekhukhune and Mogalakwena, senior officials from Government and executives from OMM Programme-affiliated commercial water users.

The day's proceedings started with the community launch at the Ga-Malekana Tribal Authority outside Steelpoort within the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality in Limpopo. This was followed by a sod-turning at the Spitskop Pump Station, where the site has officially been handed over to the main contractor. The active site confirms the commencement of the construction of the OMM Programme's bulk raw water infrastructure.

Kgoshi Maila, representing the Bapedi Kingdom, confirmed that the water shortage in Sekhukhune is a critical issue and called on all involved in the OMM Programme to take responsibility for providing water.

Cllr. Julia Mathebe, Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, stated in her message of support that the municipality has a core function to supply water and sanitation in the district and acknowledged the importance of mining and other

economic activities while pledging support for the programme.

"We are going to work tirelessly hand-in-hand with all the stakeholders to execute our mandate as local government," said Cllr. Mathebe.

Mr Prakashim Moodliar, Lebele Water User Association (LWUA) Chairperson and Executive Head of Projects at Anglo American Platinum, confirmed that there have been major strides in advancing the OMM Programme since its formalisation earlier this year, which has allowed for the accelerated commencement of construction of the first phase of the OMM Programme.

"Today's launch is a culmination of the public and private sectors working together towards the betterment of communities in Limpopo. With Government's support, and with communities being a part of the programme, it allows us to be able to deliver on the intent of the programme," said Mr. Moodliar.

Mr Moodliar emphasized that going forward the success of the programme will involve all key stakeholders, such as provincial government entities, municipalities, traditional leadership and communities working together with commercial water users.

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"I look forward to a transformed LWUA that helps implement and manage the OMM Programme that will bring water for economic growth, not only to industry, but to the communities that we operate in. We hope this model helps become the catalyst for many similar infrastructure programmes."

Mr Prakashim Moodliar

The OMM Programme is a collaboration between commercial water users and Government that aims to fast-track potable and bulk raw water infrastructure to supply communities and mines in Limpopo.



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"This partnership represents a new era in water service delivery. It represents a leap in qualitative transformation in South Africa and we are proud of it"

Minister Senzo Mchunu



In his keynote address, Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr. Senzo Mchunu, recognised the project as a huge milestone in South Africa's democracy.

"This is a very good example of collective efforts with a common objective to benefit all, it is a three-dimensional partnership between Government, the private sector

and more importantly the people of this area," Minister Mchunu stated.

Minister Mchunu defined water as an enabler and confirmed that the OMM Programme will not only improve lives but also ensure that there are more opportunities on the economic front.

The Programme will provide much-needed potable water to a yard connection (for approximately 380 000 people), water security, significant job creation (through direct, indirect and induced employment for an estimated 42 000 people for the duration of the Programme) and socio-economic development.





Celebrating 120 000 fatality-free shifts

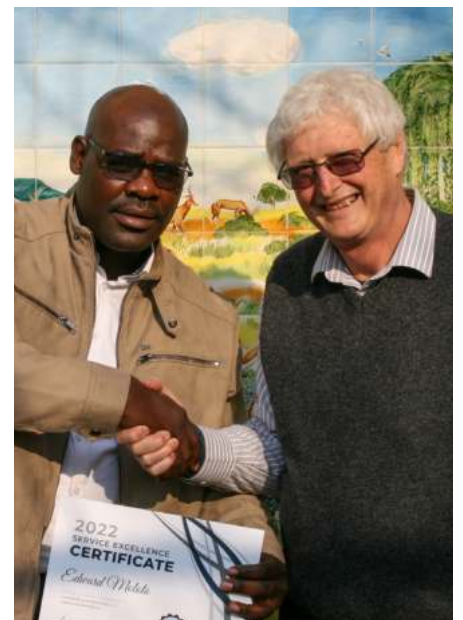
In August, the Lebalelo Water User Association (LWUA) proudly celebrated 120 000 fatality-free shifts with an awards ceremony at the Ranch Resort.

Each employee received a certificate in recognition of their contribution to the safety record, with two employees receiving special recognition for their outstanding performance and service excellence this year: Ms. Maria Mohlala and Mr. Edward Moloto.

Proceedings included an informative safety talk from African Rainbow Minerals' SHEQ Manager, Ms. Amu Portia Modau.

Speaking at the event, LWUA CEO Mr. Bertus Bierman congratulated all Lebalelo employees for achieving this significant milestone and for maintaining an impeccable safety record since the inception of LWUA approximately two decades ago.

The event provided an opportunity for the LWUA CEO to update employees on the Olifants Management Model (OMM) Programme, discuss progress made and outline what the future holds for the Association.





Water use licence successfully amended

Abstraction from two resources now possible thanks to the amended water use licence

To give effect to the Olifants Management Model (OMM) Programme, it was necessary for the Lebalelo Water User Association (LWUA) to apply to amend its water use licence, which only permitted the abstraction of water from the Olifants River.

On 22 December 2022, the Department of Water and Sanitation's Deputy Director General: Regulation, Compliance and Enforcement, issued the

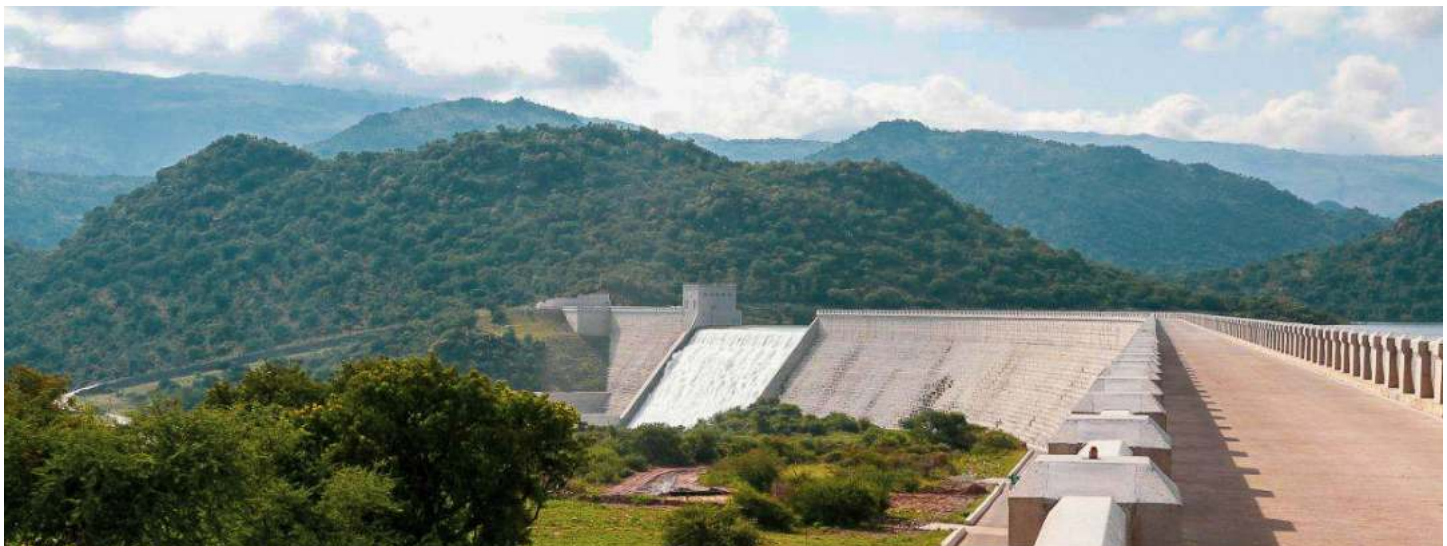
amended licence to the Association which confirms that the water volume, which is licenced to the Association, may now be split to be abstracted from two resources; namely, the Olifants River at the Havercroft Weir and the De Hoop Dam from the Steelpoort River. Moving a portion of the Association's current supply through abstraction from the De Hoop Dam is a key aspect of the OMM Programme.

Amended water licence condition has implications for non-members

While the amended licence provides for

several conditions, the most significant is the inclusion of a general condition that, if a Water User Association is established in an area to manage water resources, it is compulsory for the licensee within the footprint of an existing Water User Association's infrastructure to be a member of the Association.

The licensee must therefore adhere to the rules, regulations and water management stipulations of the Association as set out in the Association's Constitution and Members' Agreement.





The hive is relocating

The Lebelelo Water User Association's (LWUA) head office will be relocating to the Lynnwood Bridge Office Park on Daventry Road in Lynnwood Manor at the end of 2022. Any changes to our contact information will be communicated as soon as we have moved into the new premises.

This change in office space is a direct result of the Association's recent (and further anticipated) growth due to the OMM Programme, which is the Association's flagship CAPEX programme.



Progress made with new name and brand

Since our previous newsletter update, the Association has laid the groundwork for its renaming and rebranding through the development of a Brand Strategy, which is aligned with the Association's Transformation Strategy. Why is the Association rebranding? Firstly, the transformed Water User Association's (WUA) brand needs to be more representative of its new membership, which is going to change substantially because of the OMM Programme with the inclusion of new members and a larger representation from Government.

Secondly, the transformed WUA's brand needs to take cognisance of the Association's expanding role, which will include the implementation of

the OMM Programme as well as the continued operation and maintenance of the existing Lebelelo Scheme infrastructure.

In terms of progress with the new name, the Association sent out letters requesting members and internal employees to submit names for consideration. The names were shortlisted and, after approval at our AGM, were sent to the Minister of Water and Sanitation for the final decision on the name (it is the Minister's prerogative to make this decision).

Work is currently underway on the development and documentation of the new brand's visual identity, so look out for the launch in due course!



Growing the Association

We would like to officially welcome the following employees of the Association. While some have been with us for a while, and some have just started, we know that you are and will be valuable assets to the Association and we can't wait to see all that you accomplish.

- **Kobus Duvenhage** (OMM Programme Director)
- **Elanie Broekman** (Deputy Programme Director - Business Integration)
- **Segomotso Kelefetswe** (Deputy Programme Director - Project Services)
- **Mduduzi Luthuli** (Business Manager)
- **Joseph Mahapa** (Finance Manager)
- **Mmasamo Masekela** (Human Resources Manager)
- **Vumboni Manganyi** (Project Manager/Technologist)
- **Samuel Mnisi** (Information Technology Specialist)
- **Lesedi Chuene** (Civil Technician)
- **Selby Makofane** (Management Accountant)
- **Permsa Masedi** (Human Resources Clerk)
- **One Mhlanga** (Instrument Process Technician)
- **Dimpho Mohubedu** (Artisan Assistant)
- **Samuel Mabanna** (Gardener)



Shaping the future of our youth through high-performing schools

In parallel with the start of the OMM Programme's construction phase, the High-Performing Schools Programme (HPSP) kicked off with a pilot project at Kwata Primary School in Ga-Phala.



The HPSP is a socio-economic development (SED) initiative of the OMM Programme that aligns with the five priority SED themes of the Association's SED strategy, namely: Enterprise Development, Education, Interim Potable Water, Sanitation & Re-use and Connectivity.

The HPSP is equipping select Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres, Primary and Secondary schools in the Programme area to enhance each school's learning environment through key initiatives that will support their journey towards becoming high-performing schools.

These initiatives focus on supporting select schools with facilities and equipment, addressing indirect issues

to allow pupils the ability to learn and equipping teachers.

The school facility enhancements are centred on the design and construction of modular, low-maintenance infrastructure. The infrastructure, based on best practice, innovative designs and optimisation of rollout cost, uses generic designs tailored to meet each school's needs. The designs also utilise materials and equipment that are in line with the National Department of Basic Education's (DBE) requirements as contained in the South African Schools Act (84/1996).

In terms of progress with the pilot project at Kwata Primary School, construction has commenced on site, interactive

whiteboards have been installed in each classroom and teacher training has started. Construction of all infrastructure at the school is anticipated to be finalised in the first quarter of 2023.

While the HPSP is primarily funded through the SED spend on the OMM Programme, there are donors from companies associated with the OMM Programme that are participating in the pilot project.

If you would like to support or be involved in future projects that form part of the High-Performing Schools Programme, please get in contact with Kobus Duvenhage at kobus@lebalelo.co.za for more information.

HPSP Initiatives

As part of the High-Performing Schools Programme, each school receives the following:



Sustainable Water Use and Conservation

Bulk potable water storage and the implementation of water conservation strategies, such as rainwater harvesting, greywater irrigation, wastewater recycling and water usage monitoring.



Connectivity and Teacher Aids

Interactive whiteboards with software resources, MICTSETA-accredited and SACE-endorsed teacher training, school admin support software and WiFi connectivity.



Nutrition and Health

Basins with running potable water and the development of a 'low water usage' vegetable garden.



Sustainable Electricity Supply

A solar-powered system with battery backup.



Ablution Facilities and School Gathering Area

Containerised, water-based ablution facilities and a paved under-roof school gathering area.



Community Ownership, Local Procurement and Security

An upgraded security fence and training of community members to supply services to schools.