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Key events unlock the Association's transformation progress

Since the signing of the Heads of Terms for an OMM Framework Agreement (HoT) in March 2022, a series of important events in the last few months have been crucial to the transformation of the Association and the progression of the OMM Programme. These key events are outlined below:

09/22 September 2022

- The Minister of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) gazettes the withdrawal of the intention to disestablish the Association (originally gazetted in 2016)

10/22 October 2022

- Start of the OMM Programme's Pre-Feasibility Phase
- OMM Programme launch at Ga-Malekana Tribal Authority and sod-turning at Spitskop Pump Station
- Start of construction on the OMM Programme's 'Southern Extension 2' (SE2) Phase 1, which is the pipeline from ORWRDP Phase 2C to the Dwarsrivier Pump Station

12/22 December 2022

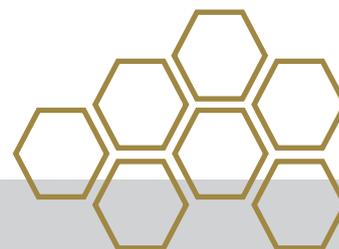
- Amended Water Use Licence is issued by DWS, which gives effect to the OMM Programme and allows for abstraction to be split across two resources
- Implementation and Funding Agreements signed with DWS

03/23 March 2023

- The Association's amended Constitution is issued and delivered to DWS for regulatory and Ministerial approval; renaming and rebranding of the Association will commence once the amended Constitution has been approved by the Minister of DWS
- Signing of a Funding Agreement with DWS and a Cession Agreement with DWS and Zutari Ndodana Joint Venture
- High-Performing Schools Programme (HPSP) launch at Kwata Primary School (*see the article in this issue for more information)

04/23 April 2023

- Release of the RFP shortlist for the 2B and 2B+ pipeline construction
- Release of the RFI for two Water Treatment Works in the Northern Limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex



On the horizon

The following key actions are expected in the near future:

- Approval of the amended Constitution of the Association
- Circulation of the finalised Members Agreement and Offtake Agreements to all interested parties
- Submission of the first draft of the Operations and Maintenance Agreement (O&M) to DWS
- Update to the OMM Programme Master Schedule
- Release of the first Intermediate Business Case (IBC) Report, which will include detailed designs and estimates
- Planned engagements with current, new and potential Commercial and Institutional Members to consolidate participation in the OMM Programme



OMM Programme receives international recognition



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The OMM Programme, the Association's flagship CAPEX programme, received a special mention at the United Nations Water Conference, which took place in New York, USA from 22-24 March 2023.

Water and Sanitation Minister Senzo Mchunu referred to the OMM Programme while reinforcing the Department's commitment to using public-private sector collaboration to finance and manage water resources and water services infrastructure.

Read the full article: <https://lnkd.in/gQfPQ29n>

OMM Programme funding is on track

The OMM Programme has successfully established funding application fora with the Infrastructure Fund (IF), Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) and DWS.

These fora relate to RBIG Funding (for the construction and/or refurbishment of Water Treatment Works (WTW)), Project Preparation Funding (for Institutional Members' contribution to Study Phase costs) and Capital Funding (for Institutional Members' CAPEX contributions to the construction of bulk and potable reticulation water infrastructure).

Following a successful soft market testing of funding institutions, the OMM Programme is poised to circulate an Information Memorandum into the market to start funding applications for Phases 2B & 2B+ and two WTWs.

Positive analysis of the benefits of the Programme

A Cost Benefit Analysis performed on the OMM Programme, which considered the Net Present Value, Internal Rate of Return and Benefit Cost Ratio with a focus on new and existing infrastructure (excluding deferred projects), reveals that it is economically viable over a 28-year period.



High-Performing Schools Programme successfully launched

Water and Sanitation Deputy Minister, Mr David Mahlobo, the MEC for the Limpopo Department of Basic Education (DBE), Ms. Maureen Lerule-Ramakhanya, and Lebalale Water User Association Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr Bertus Bierman, handed over upgrades to Kwata Primary School in Ga-Phala, Limpopo on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 as part of the launch of a High-Performing Schools Programme (HPSP).

In attendance were teachers and learners from the school, as well as representatives from the Association, the OMM Programme, various Government departments, commercial water users, traditional authorities and local communities.

The upgrades to Kwata Primary School formed the pilot project of the HPSP with the purpose of providing a proof of concept and blueprint prior to the roll-out of the programme to a wider selection of schools. Embarking on a programme like this is no small feat, and given our resource limitations, we opted to start small by way of a pilot project to test the concept and that is how the initiative with Kwata Primary School was birthed.

The infrastructure upgrades at pilot school included bulk potable water storage, containerised water-based ablution facilities (as well as upgrading of existing enviro-loo toilets to a close loop flush toilet system), rejuvenation of the school's vegetable garden and rainwater harvesting transfer capability, a Scarab wastewater treatment plant, a paved under-roof school gathering area, solar power, internet connectivity, plus teacher aids such as interactive whiteboards and training.





What is the 'HPSP'?

The High-Performing Schools Programme (or HPSP) is a socio-economic development (SED) initiative of the Olifants Management Model (OMM) Programme, which is the Association's flagship CAPEX programme.

The HPSP aims to equip selected primary and secondary schools in targeted communities in Limpopo with innovative and modular infrastructure.

Each participating school receives a list of upgrade options to choose from.

The HPSP launch at Kwata Primary School received a lot of positive feedback after the event



"Brilliant work!"

Natascha Viljoen
Chief Executive Officer: Anglo American Platinum



"Well received, with great appreciation."

Papi Makola
District Director, DBE: Sekhukhune East



"Thank you very much for your hard work."

Dr Nomvula Ndebele
Adviser in the Office of the HOD: Limpopo
Department of Basic Education (DBE)



"Great project and honoured to play a small part in it."

Steve Nicol
MD: Scarab Water



"Nicely done! Great work by the team."

Yvonne Mfolo
Group Executive: Corporate Affairs and Sustainable Impact, Anglo American Platinum



"Good work."

Hermien Oberholzer
Senior Principal Engineer Water and Infrastructure: Anglo American Platinum



Socio-Economic Development: Looking Forward

The roll-out of the OMM Programme's SED initiatives will continue with a further six school-upgrade projects taking place in the near future across the SE2 project area (which runs from Spitskop Pump Station to Mototolo) as well as the Flag Boshielo and Sekuruwe areas as part of the HPSP.

Another key next step includes the establishment of the SED Collaboration Forum and SED Fund to allow for the exploration of collaboration opportunities among Members, align stakeholders around common goals and aid the self-funding of future initiatives.



Association support for Nal'ibali bears fruit

The Association has a long-standing relationship with Nal'ibali.

Since the start of the year, the Association provided support to Nal'ibali (which is a national reading-for-enjoyment campaign) across the following events:

- Two World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) events in February 2023 to promote reading awareness at Pataneng Primary School (Motloulela village) and Masete Primary School (Ga-Masete village). The events were further supported through radio interviews with Thobela FM, Moutse FM and Mphahlele FM.
- Launching of the Lekgotla Community of Practice (CoP) at Pelo le Diatla Drop-in Centre which aims to deal with literacy and community social matters for children under the age of 18.

Nal'ibali through its partnership with the Social Employment Fund (SEF), funded by Industrial Development Cooperation of South Africa (IDC) has recruited, trained and appointed 22 new Literacy Facilitators (LFs) for a 4-month period. In total Nal'ibali has 28 workers (22 part-time and 6 full-time), all with monthly stipends across the Association's area of operation.

Congratulations to Realance Mashego!

Our congratulations also go to Realance Mashego (pictured in the white shirt below) from Shakung village, which falls within the Association's area of operation, who recently signed a contract with Nal'ibali as an author after his response to Nal'ibali's national call for new and original story content. Further to this, Realance has been appointed as a Nal'ibali FUNda Leader, and his new role includes providing workshops to young writers from local communities. Well done!





Celebrating 20 years of the Association

On the 23rd of March 2023, the Lebelelo Water User Association (LWUA) celebrated 20 years of successful operations at an event held at the Lynnwood Conference Centre in Pretoria.

Joining the celebrations were previous Chairpersons Leonard Pretorius and Dean Pelser, and previous employees

Amanda Britz and Philip de Wet, who all spoke kindly of their time at the Association and regaled attendees with numerous stories of triumph over tribulations during their collective tenure.

The CEO of the Association, Mr. Bertus Bierman, hosted the celebrations which were also attended by a host of new and established LWUA employees. Mr Bierman spoke at length on the rich history of the Association, provided

an overview of the OMM Programme and how it will affect the Association going forward and thanked everyone for their contribution to the success of the Association.

Here's to many more fruitful years ahead for the Association as it enters a new phase in its existence with the OMM Programme as the catalyst.



New bees join the hive



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We are immensely proud to announce our newest OMM Programme appointees, based at our head office in Lynnwood Bridge Office Park. Welcome to the hive!

- **Warren Makgowe** (SED Manager)
- **Silas Shiburi** (Technical Lead: Eastern Limb)
- **Lungisa Sishuba** (Project Manager: SED & Reticulation Projects)
- **Lerato Mokoena** (Project Administrator)

Why did we change our head office?

The change in office space came about primarily due to the Association's growth because of the OMM Programme. The Association's official office address is:

**Sanlam Building, Floor 2, 4 Daventry Street,
Lynnwood Bridge Office Park, Pretoria, 0081.**

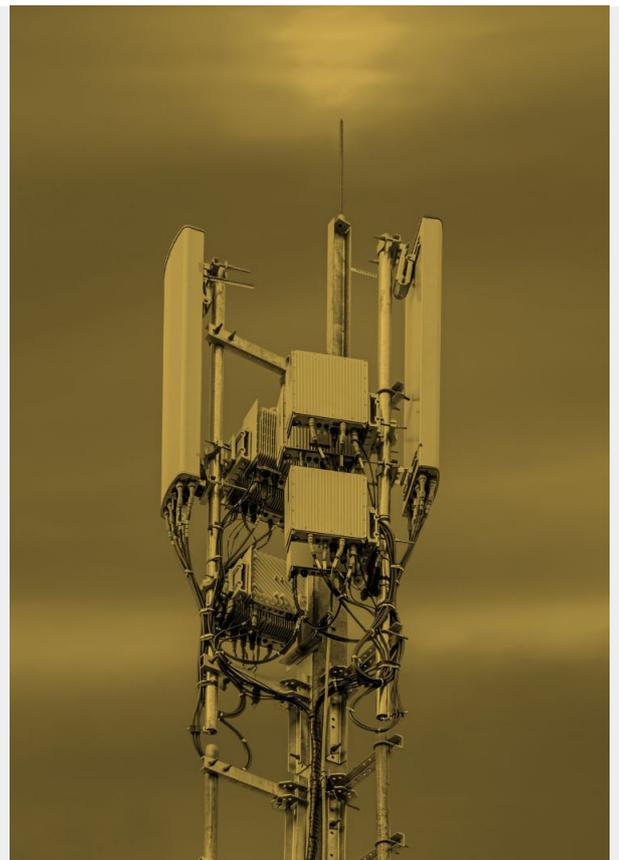
Our head office telephone number remains the same:
012 348 4654.



4G now available in Modubeng

Through its partnership with Vodacom SA, the Association has secured an upgrade to the current mobile network infrastructure in the Modubeng area in the Sekhukhune District in Limpopo.

Residents now have a stable 4G network to connect to that is fully solar-powered, with a diesel generator backup – a far cry from the intermittent network previously available. It is anticipated that the improvement in communication connectivity will have a positive impact on social, economic and educational development.



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