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Impala builds a multi purpose sports facility in Luka community

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Shadwick Bessit, Executive Director: Rustenburg Operations says: "Impala is interested in and aims to become more actively involved in the holistic development of individuals.. This sporting facility will offer the youth of the Luka community the opportunity and the necessary facilities, as well as access to professional and specialist coaching and infrastructure to develop and nurture a pool of sports talent that will feed into both National and Provincial sport arenas."

George Khunou, Managing Director: Royal Bafokeng Sports Holdings concurs, "This facility is important in encouraging and nurturing the abilities of the young people in the Luka community and is in line with the Trust's support of the development of high performance in sport."

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Note to the editor on other Impala Community Projects in the Rustenburg area

Vukuzenzele Primary School – Freedom Park

A new building and sports fields for the Vukuzenzele Primary School is a joint initiative between Impala Rustenburg and the North West Department of Education's Bojanala Region. This is the first project approved by Impala Rustenburg in terms of an integrated development plan (IDP) for the area (the Mining Charter requires companies to co-operate in the formulation and implementation of IDPs). Together, the company and the department have made R10 million available for the new facilities.

Situated next to our Rustenburg operation's No. 9 shaft hostel in Freedom Park, North West Province, the school, which has 900 learners, is currently housed in prefabricated buildings donated by Impala Rustenburg. The building project, which started in January 2007, is scheduled for completion by December and has provided 80 employment opportunities, 34 of these to people from Freedom Park.

Woodchips Project – Rustenburg

The R1 million per annum contribution by the Impala Community Development Trust (ICDT) to the award-winning Woodchips Project has a dual objective: it has created a small business for local community members, and it has an environmental aspect as it uses waste products for an economic purpose. Woodchips, which are remnants of the timber packs used as support in underground mining operations, are separated out from the ore during processing and, when combined with sewage sludge, form rich compost that is used in the rehabilitation of tailings dam slopes. The community-based business – called Monontsha – runs the Woodchips Project and

has been in operation since 2005. It employed 48 people during 2007, and 15 of the women currently employed have a 5% shareholding in this project.

Small Business Development Projects – Bojanala District

Some R2.6 million was allocated towards the Small Business Development Projects in the Bojanala area in FY2007 in an effort to support enterprise development in the region. The aim is to establish, develop and assist co-operatives, small, medium and micro (SMMEs) enterprises and Community-based Organisations (CBOs), with the help of service providers within the community, to become profitable and to enter into the mainstream economy. In total, 90 cooperatives, 16 NGOs, SMMEs and 1,600 individuals benefited from these capacity building projects.

Lebone Women Empowerment – Home-based Care Project

Implats is one of a number of sponsors of the Greater Rustenburg Community Foundation (GRCF) which strives to create a stable and prosperous local community through grantmaking to and improving the capacity of non-profit and community-based organisations. The Lebone Women Empowerment – Home-based Care Project, which currently looks after 288 terminally ill patients in Boitekong near Rustenburg in the North West Province, is an example of such an organisation.

Tsholofelo Masego Children's Project – Koster, west of Rustenburg

In FY2007 Implats supported Tsholofelo Masego, a shelter for orphans and vulnerable children. The group is also the sole sponsor of the Rustenburg Community Development Centre (RCDC) which provides ongoing assistance to the project.

Business Against Crime – Labour-sending area, North West Province

An amount of R372,000 was provided towards the support of eight police stations in North West Province through a partnership with Business Against Crime North West. This initiative formed part of a national security imperative (Impala's total contribution in FY2007 being R962,000) that not only assists in the fight against crime, building long-term capacity within the management of the police ranks, but also enhances service delivery and performance improvement at police station level.

The Business Against Crime Leadership Development Programme, is aligned to the SAPS national training strategy and also supports the government's service delivery improvement strategy. An intense process of impact evaluation, based on a set of desired outcomes, has been implemented to ensure that the strategic objectives of the programme are met. A total number of 63 police members from eight different police stations have been trained. It is anticipated that this will have a positive spin-off on Impala communities, both locally and within some labour-sending areas.

Ikateleng Programme – Labour-sending area (Taung)

Although the matriculation results in the North West Province have shown a slight improvement in the past two years, there is still much concern about the effective teaching at schools within the disadvantaged communities. As long as inadequately qualified and demoralised teachers are employed in these schools, especially in the field of natural and economic sciences, much has still to be done through support and intervention programmes if we wish to have good prospective university students.. In an effort to alleviate this serious problem, Implats through the North West University, offers classes on Saturdays to Grade 12 learners, in an attempt to assist them through supplementary teaching by senior dedicated teachers.

The ICDT donated R214,970 towards the total annual funding for establishing and running Saturday school teaching programmes at the Taung centres. The main objective of the Ikateleng project is to improve overall examination results as well as the prospects for individual.

EQUIP Programme – Labour-Sending Area (North West Province)

Implats has donated R816,670 to EQUIP (a partnership project between business, government and school communities) to improve teaching and learning in disadvantaged schools in North West Province. The focus of the EQUIP programme is on effective governance, quality management and strategic planning with a view to enabling schools to take responsibility for their own development and the ensuring of quality teaching and learning in their classrooms. EQUIP aims to improve the participating schools' functionality and effectiveness. A baseline study, school audit and situational analysis was conducted for each of the schools selected from Impala's labour-sending areas in North West Province to:

- determine the infrastructural conditions and the governance and management practices in the schools in order that the findings be used to develop the proposed school development programme;
- measure the impact of the programme on the selected schools; and
- provide information on the strengths and needs of the individual schools.

Ten schools were selected to participate in and benefit from the EQUIP programme. A similar project was undertaken in the Springs area and an amount of R192,000 was donated.