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# Turning water losses into money saved

By Stanley Gaba

Water conservation partnership project of Emfuleni Municipality, GIZ and Sasol ready to get started on the 8th September 2011

The Emfuleni Municipality, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of German, British and Australian Governments and Sasol signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the Emfuleni Water Conservation Project on the 29th May 2012 at Metsi-A-Lekoa. Chief Director for Emfuleni's Metsi-a-Lekoa water services unit, Thembi Mkhize, explained the environmental and financial importance of this partnership: "The 3-year project aims to significantly reduce the amount of water wasted through leakages and save Emfuleni money lost through this unaccounted for water. The municipality aims through this partnership to reduce their total water loss by 15%. By the end of the third year, this would equate to an annual reduction of 12 million kilolitres (12 billion litres) or R 62 million in value, compared to the 2010 baseline". The water conservation and demand management project was officially launched at a side event to the Gauteng Water Sector Forum, currently underway at Gallagher Estate.

Water is among the most valuable resources on the African continent. The current demand far exceeds sustainable supply levels. Water planners forecast that South Africa will increasingly face severe water shortage if the usage is not reduced immediately. At the southern tip of Africa's inland water supply lies the Orange-Senqu catchment area which provides parts of South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Namibia with water. One of the largest water supply systems to this region is the Vaal River system, a tributary of the Orange River (which originates as the Senqu in Lesotho). The large population of Gauteng and surrounding areas and approximately 60 per cent of South Africa's economy relies on water from the Integrated Vaal River system. Extensive studies conducted by the National Department of Water Affairs have shown that the current water use from this water supply system is not sustainable. To address this growing imbalance the National Department of Water Affairs has set a 15% water

savings target for municipalities located in the region to be achieved collectively by 2014.

The partnership project does not only aim to fix leakages in public and private water systems, but also intends to increase public awareness of water issues and conservation measures through school and community education programmes. Apart from the local importance this intervention also carries a regional aspect. "As Emfuleni sources its water from the Orange-Senqu catchment area, water which is saved in this municipality can be used somewhere else where water might be needed", says Lenka Thamae, Executive Secretary of the Orange-Senqu River Commission. "Moreover, after successful implementation of the project, the design and idea can be replicated in many other municipalities in Southern Africa which face the same challenges as Emfuleni."

This partnership serves as another example for the importance of the involvement of business in development. Through partnerships such as the Emfuleni Water Conservation Project a win-win situation is created for the involved parties. The Emfuleni municipality, GIZ Transwater SADC and Sasol can all benefit from the know-how and the skills of their partners. Moreover, partnerships are of special importance to the private sector as they demonstrate collective action on a shared risk in a sound economic, social and environmental way.

Sasol New Energy's Manager for Sustainable Water, Andries Meyer, explains the importance of the partnership for the company: "Water management is a key priority for our business as a critical resource for our operations. Through this partnership, we can minimise unnecessary water losses from the Vaal system and ensure that the water security and availability to all users is improved. The Emfuleni water conservation partnership is part of Sasol New Energy's water stewardship programme and underlines our commitment to sustainable water management."

**About Emfuleni:** An estimated 1,2 Million citizens make Emfuleni Municipality the fourth largest municipality in Gauteng. The municipality gets its water from the Vaal River System. Water losses from



**BOLOKA METSI:** Executive Mayor Nomthandazo Hlongwane, flanked left by Metsi-a-Lekoa Chief Director Thembi Mkhize; right by Bob Kleynjan from GIZ and L.Thamae from ORASECOM Sasol

potable water distribution systems remains a major issue when examining the overall water wasted throughout the country. Emfuleni Local Municipality is one of the Water Service Authorities in Gauteng that have realized the importance of managing their leakage and other aspects of non-revenue water and begin to implement water demand management measures to address the aforementioned challenges and strive towards a more financially viable municipality.

**About GIZ:** GIZ is owned by the Federal Republic of Germany. Through its operations around the globe, it supports the German

Government in the fields of international cooperation for sustainable development and international education. GIZ supports people and societies in shaping their own future and improving their living conditions. In this partnership, GIZ operates through SADC and ORASECOM and on behalf of Germany, the United Kingdom and Australia.

**About Sasol:** Sasol, a technology-driven alternative fuels and chemicals company was formed in 1950 at Sasolburg and celebrated 60 years of operations in 2010. Today Sasol has grown to become South

Africa's leading fuel provider and an international player in the energy and chemicals sectors. Sasol converts gas and coal into liquid fuels, fuel components and chemicals through its proprietary processes. The company mines coal in South Africa and produces gas in Mozambique and oil in Gabon, and has chemical manufacturing and marketing operations in South Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas. Sasol operates in 38 countries and employs about 33 000 people. The company is listed on the JSE Limited in South Africa and on the New York Stock Exchange.

## Miss Emfuleni 2012/13

By Lerato Ramatshella

The 2012/13 Miss Emfuleni is the beautiful 19 year old Tsholofelo Motaung. The newly crowned beauty queen showed her intentions to win at the beginning of the show when she scooped the top model of the show. Tsholofelo says she is planning to study Social work with any university next academic year. "Tsholo" as she is mostly known by her friends says she is good with people and she wants to do a lot of community development in attempt to change the lives of her peers.



**Emfuleni New Queen:** Tsholofelo Motaung centre, right side Hope Pati (1st princess), left side Lerato Tsosane (2nd princess).



# Emfuleni and Quzhou Municipality of China signs a twinning agreement

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FORMAL TRADE BILATERAL:  
Quzhou and Emfuleni Municipalities

Emfuleni Local Municipality and Quzhou Municipality officially signed a ground-breaking co-operative partnership agreement. The event took place at the mayoral chamber in Vanderbijlpark on the 24 May 2012.

The partnership has marked the beginning of a fruitful, long lasting and mutually beneficial one for the people of Emfuleni and China. “We are humbled that you have you have responded positively and with enthusiasm to this call and joint initiative as agents of progressive change. We are delighted to play host to you on this landmark signing of this partnership agreement making it official” said the excited Cllr Greta Hlongwane, the Executive Mayor.

The mayoral chamber was full to capacity with most of the members of the mayoral committee, members of the media and councillors. The visitors also brought with them colleagues to witness and bless the union of the two municipalities. The honourable councillor Janfei Li said that in promoting mutual understanding and friendship as equal partners in an effort to bring better life for our people indicated that Qhuzou Municipality is ready to open her heart as part of building solidarity, and friendship based on values of Ubuntu, mutual respect and understanding.

The executive mayor, Cllr Greta

Hlongwane said “the municipality is exceedingly encouraged by this sister relationship and expect that in the near future fruitful realization of this dream will be reached as a result of this collective agreement”.

The executive Mayor emphasised that Emfuleni requires a lot of improvement and therefore hopes that the outcomes of this agreement will stand to direct optimal resources to the development of diverse but united communities. The specific vision of this auspicious occasion is to create space for Emfuleni and Qhuzou municipalities to advise each other on areas such as direct investment, creation of decent jobs, building capacity of the economy, linking small and medium sized business to markets, science and technology, culture, education, sports, tourism, healthcare and personnel exchanges.

The honourable executive mayor thanked Quzhou municipality delegation for grazing our shores. Delegates from both municipalities exchanged gifts. The marriage was blessed with ululations as a sign of appreciation and approval that the two have become one.

## ELM / VUT cooperation



Witnesses: Service delivery wins as ELM & VUT cooperate

# Emfuleni in a bid to resuscitate services payment

By Stanley Gaba

The executive mayor, Cllr Greta Hlongwane announced the launch of “Operation Patala’ (Masakhane) campaign to encourage communities and business to pay at her budget speech in Sharpeville on the 25th May 2012. The executive mayor explained that the project is key to ensuring development of Emfuleni and building a culture of payment that is necessary.

In driving this project the municipality has implemented the following interventions without delay:

- The creation of the Revenue Management Agency, which is currently underway with the initial appointment of 3 senior managers already being done to continue with the implementation of the revenue turnaround plan.

- Implementation of smart

metering prioritizing areas with low payment levels;

- Appointment of the debt collection agencies to increase the capacity of our administration to collect current accounts and to apply strict credit control measures on outstanding Council debt.

- The appointment of credible service providers to cleanse ELM billing data to ensure that municipal accounts are accurate, correct and transparent.

The measures are taken as the sad reality of witnessing a continuing decline in the municipality's revenue base due to low collection rate, high levels of indigents and inability and unwillingness by communities to pay, increasing along with the high rate of unemployment.

# Nothing About Us Without Us

By Thabiso Radebe

Emfuleni Council wrapped the human rights month with the hosting of an indaba for people with disability on 31 July 2012.

The launch of a forum for people with disability is a culmination of a protracted program which started with the “profiling project initiated by ELM's Employment Equity Office. People living with disabilities have made calls pleading with the Emfuleni Municipality to respond to their needs.

People with disability constitutes government priority group. Some of the concerns raised by people with disability in the indaba were that cant access municipality's premises, their exclusion from economic participation and exclusion from employment opportunities in the municipality.

“Above all the persisting social stereotypes and stigma are main barriers as people with disabilities have not allowed their physical disabilities to prevent them to make a positive contribution in society” said one speaker for the differently-baled persons.

“The Government has clear policies that seek to empower the disabled but the problem is implementation” emphasised Ernest Tsipa Gauteng Disabled People South Africa chairperson.

“A major source of their discontent against council employment is its snail pace progress to meet national government minimum 2% targets”, explained Diek Mahlaba, Employment Equity Manager.

## Emfuleni Local Municipality Disability Indaba Elected Disability Forum Committee Date 31 March 2012 at Soul Tsotetsi Sports Complex

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Samuel De beers	Male	076 2246 504	Additional Member
Moses Rewu	Male	073 5373 525	Additional Member
Paulina Mtsobane	Female	073 8875 927	Additional Member
David Ndaba	Male	071 1564 223	Additional Member
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# In Brief

By Stanley Gaba

## Executive Tables Budget for 2012

Executive mayor, Cllr Greta Hlongwane when she delivered her budget speech announced that electricity and water sales account for 50% of the revenue for the 2012 / 2013 financial year. Grants account for 21% of our revenue for the year.

In announcing these price hikes, she said “Our budget stands at a total of about R4,5 billion which represents an increase of about R423 million as compared with that of the last financial year or 11 percent increase on the 2011/12 budget”.

An amount of about R3.3 billion or 74% of the budget is allocated to the Basic Services and the Public Safety and Community Development Clusters which are direct service delivery clusters.

### CAPITAL BUDGET

The capital budget stands at R370 million for the financial year which represents 12% of the expenditure for the year. 63% of the capital expenditure or over R231 million is grant funded while 37% or over 138 million is the municipality's own funds.

The capital budget is for both new infrastructure as well as renewal of existing infrastructure. In explaining further, she said “When we formed the introduced the leadership of this administration, we specifically recommended that we place basic services at the centre of all our political activities. The people of Emfuleni have put us in these positions all of us because they are convinced that we will serve their interests, faithfully, honestly, to the best of our abilities”.

## Housing delivery in Emfuleni

Housing remains part of the key delivery mandate, to that effect the municipality has issued 167 title deeds in Houtkop, 771 in Boipatong, 2779 in Bophelong. A total of 2082 houses were allocated in Beverly Hills, Rus-ter-Vaal, New Village, Tshepiso North Ext 3, Tshepiso North Ext 4 and Winnies Park.

On 24 May, Emfuleni together with the MEC for local government in Gauteng launched a project to refurbish Kwa- Masiza Hostel. The project consists of over 600 units and will be completed in 2014. The provincial government has allocated R46 million this year for Sewer and Water connections.

There are other housing projects which are currently underway in Sonderwater, Westside Park which are implemented by the Gauteng Housing Department.

## Emfuleni is best in doing business with business

Finweek has found out that Emfuleni Local Municipality is among the top 10 municipalities which are suitable to do decent business with. This was established after the recent inspection of 234 municipalities around the country. Finweek which is a one of the renowned weekly business magazine cut down a list of candidate municipalities to ten (10) that are business friendly, but show the greatest potential for growth and opportunity.

The big four metropolitan municipalities like Johannesburg, Ethekwini, Tshwane and Cape Town were excluded in this comparative exercise of municipalities to focus on up-and-coming places to do business. Emfuleni Local Municipality was ranked position five (5) in South Africa's best places to do business. The municipality is making strides against all odds to be one of the best in the whole country.



# 5700 Houses for Boiketlong

By Thabiso Radebe



Monwabisi Nomgca  
District Region Housing Manager

Residents of the Boiketlong informal settlement in Ward 45 could not hold their excitement when they were informed by the Gauteng Provincial Government that a project to build almost 5700 houses will be implemented which may commence after September 2012. Mr Monwabisi Nomgca, a project manager for the housing development told ecstatic residents who have waited for more than ten years for development. "The only delay is finalisation of signing of the land purchase agreement between private land owner and province" he said.

Mr Nomgca indicated that the development will take place in phases.



**Housing Imbizo (Boiketlong informal settlement):**  
Report back - MEC office director Ms. Kedibone Mogosi,  
Ward 36 Councillor Nthebe and MMC Manana Kubheka

The Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) responsible for Housing in Emfuleni, Cllr Manana Kubheka highlighted that the siveve campaign should not be confused as a registration process for houses but rather a process to identify authentic beneficiaries of the development. She also indicated Emfuleni remains an entry point for people who come to Gauteng to look for jobs and economic opportunities hence it experiences such big influx of people.

In line with Gauteng's vision of breaking new ground, the intentions for this project to have a variety of tenure of ownership to accommodate the different housing residents needs

explains Kedibone Mogosi, who represented the office of the MEC for Local Government and Housing.

MMC Nomvula Thulo, who is responsible for Water and Electricity, told residents that Emfuleni was prevented from building infrastructure for provision of water by the owners of the land through the court. However, with the agreement in sight development will now proceed smoothly.

The meeting took place on 27 May 2012 was also attended by MMC William Mcera who is responsible for Public Safety.

## Emfuleni and Department of Labour denounces child labour

By Thabiso Radebe

Emfuleni's Department of Social Development (DSD), the Department of Labour (DoL) and the Department of Social Development (DSD) in Gauteng, kick-started Child Labour Day campaign and Child Protection Week by engaging communities in and around the Emfuleni Municipality, in Sharpsville on the 9th June 2012.

This initiative came after these Departments came together last year and did an inspection around the area

and discovered that under age children are being exploited and made to work for their families instead of going to school.

The Child Protection Week started from the 26th May and will ended on 3 June, whilst the International Child Labour day was celebrated on the 12 June.

The activity marked the quest to protect tomorrow's leaders, hence the objective was to raise awareness for

children's rights and encourage people to take care of and protect children in their communities.

The South African constitution clearly provides that children under the age of 18 have a right to be protected from work that is exploitative, hazardous, or otherwise inappropriate for their age, detrimental to their age, or detrimental to their social, physical, mental, spiritual or moral development.



Government and Civil Society United in the fight for children's rights



## Government launches new jobs creation initiative at Saul Tsoetsi Sports Centre



## ELM boost electricity supply to Duncanville

By Kerileng Selebano

The community of Duncanville received a boost to their electricity supply when Emfuleni Local Municipality installed the 20 MVA Transformer at Duncanville in August this year.

The electrical design for the new DCD Ring rollers factory and offices was prepared by CA du Toit Vaal Consulting Engineers and Reliant Electric then imported the transformer from and approved (by ELM) supplier in China.

Emfuleni Local Municipality Electrical Department made it possible for the community of Duncanville and DCD Ring rollers factory and offices to get sufficient electrical capacity that will ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity. ELM was responding to a request made by business stakeholders to increase the capacity

at Duncanville substation by replacing an existing 5 MVA transformer with a 20 MVA unit.

During the event, The Executive Mayor, Cllr Greta Hlongwane, highlighted that the reason for the installation of the 20 MVA transformer was to ensure that the Duncanville region get sufficient electricity, in order to prevent the trapping of electricity and low shading within the Duncanville area. She also stated that the transformer was installed in order to ensure that industries and the community get insufficient electricity.

The increase of electricity supply to areas coincide with an investment of R170 million in that area by business. ELM spent in the region R120m for the project and is envisaging a good return on this investment.

## Emfuleni helps graduates

By Lerato Ramatshella



The youth Development practitioner Graduates are from left: Palesa Mototjane, Nomathamsanqa Tosa, Patric Leotlela, Bongane Makatsi, Lerato Ramatshella, Raqalo Sekoai and Hassan Mako (down). Also in the picture is MMC: Public safety Velaphi Mcera, Setjele Mofokeng (youth coordinator), Mojepa Matabane, Maseapehi Mofokeng and ( i will get the last name)

The Emfuleni Local Municipality was proud to be one of the Municipalities to produce 10 youth development practitioners.

The Provincial government together with the Grace institute for leadership development gave training to learners who were from two Municipalities, Emfuleni and City of Johannesburg. These were the first ever to be accredited as youth Development practitioners, the graduation Ceremony was held at the Botanical garden on the 14 of September 2012.

Emfuleni Local Municipality had 10 Graduates and City of Johannesburg 30 Graduates. The learners attended the course for a year at the grace institute for leadership development. The Course was funded by ETPD SETA for all learners from both Municipalities.

## Sebokeng kids get new parks to enjoy festive season



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## Emfuleni introduces smart electricity reading

By Stanley Gaba

A fully smart metering system for electricity will be implemented before the end of 2012 and completed in 2014. The system will provide the municipality with the ability to limit illegal connections and meter tampering that result in huge financial losses as people connect electricity illegally.

This project is aimed at assisting in the development of Emfuleni and building a culture of payment that is necessary.

This project will be embedded with the launch of "Operation Khanyisa", whose emphasis is on ensuring functional public lighting, street lighting, robots, and high mast lights. These will also play a leading role in the fight against crime. The municipality's crime prevention strategies include more effective policing of streets, development of local safety plans, expansion of CCTV cameras in crime hot spot areas, and

enforcement of by-laws.

The municipality will retrofit all the street lights with energy efficient lights that will significantly reduce the amount of electricity used to keep Emfuleni bright at night.

To ensure availability of functioning street lights and to address crime, sensors will be installed on each street light to report the condition of the street light to the monitoring office based in the Electricity Department. This will allow the department to fix any streetlight that is not working before the community becomes aware. The sensors will report any light that is not working and provide the exact location of the streetlight.

As a contribution by Emfuleni for a cleaner and green environment, all the high masts will be converted into solar to take advantage of the abundance of the sun.



Mayor expands electricity to new Tsepiso houses flanked by Members of Mayoral Committee Cllrs Nomvula Thulo, Sello Pitso and Ward 11 Councilor Mzangwa

## Grade 12 Learners: Mayor & Zool Fashion Events sponsored their Matric Farewell dresses



# Emfuleni awarded with the Blue Drop Certification

By Stanley Gaba



Reward : SAVE WATER , call for Emfuleni communities and Businesses.

**Emfuleni's Water Utility, Metsi-A-Lekoa has once again retained its prestigious Blue Drop Status**, after having been bestowed with this award three times in a row at the WISA Biennial Conference held recently in Cape Town. "An impressive result due to hard work and a successful collaboration with our partner, Rand Water" explains Moss Maboya Water's engineer.

The Minister of Water Affairs introduced the concept of incentive-based Regulations on 11 September 2008 to the water sector and was defined as the Blue Drop Certification Programme for Drinking Water Quality Management Regulation.

The Blue Drop process measures

and compares the results of the performance of the Water Services Authorities and their Providers, and subsequently rewards (or penalizes) the municipality upon evidence of their excellence (or failures) according to the minimum standards or requirements that has been defined. Awareness of this performance is obtained by pressure through the customers, the media, political classes and NGOs. The strategy revolves around the identification of mediocre performing municipalities who consequently correct the identified shortcomings, as well as the introduction of competitiveness amongst the municipalities and using benchmarking in a market where

competition is difficult to implement.

A total of 153 municipalities and 931 water supply systems were assessed in 2012 and 98 of them awarded a Blue Drop status. Gauteng Province achieved 7 Blue Drop awards in total, and the National Blue Drop Score is 98.1%.

Emfuleni Local Municipality with Rand Water as the bulk water supplier achieved a Blue Drop score of 96.8% and awarded a Blue Drop status. It is however noted in the report that there is not enough management accountability with regard to ageing infrastructure as there is no dedicated budget for it from the Operational Budget.

## Sedibeng District 2012 Women's Month Launch

By Kerileng Selebano

Emfuleni Local Municipality together with Sedibeng District Municipality launched the women's month calendar on 3 August at the Stonehaven on Vaal.

The women's month calendar launch was sponsored by Emfuleni Local Municipality, Lesedi Local Municipality, Midvaal Local Municipality.

The main aim of the event was to salute all the women who empower other women and those who struggled and those who fought to protect their children. And the other reason was to thank all the women for the hard work that they do within their homes and the society.

Cllr Busisiwe Modisakeng, Speaker of the Sedibeng District Municipality highlighted that this year's programme focused more on distribution of vegetables to child headed households, Health Talk and Women Abuse Awareness through a women seminar, women interdenominational prayer day, a day for the elderly, women in Leadership Symposium through talks targeting women councillors and municipal women officials.

The theme for the month was coined thus "Wise and Courageous women, marching forward into the next decade of women Development".



## Wedding expo draws crowds ekasi!

By Kerileng Selebano

WEDDING fever gripped the kasi at the weekend. But there was no happy couple exchanging vows. Instead there were designers, models, events managers and exhibitors putting on an exciting kasi wedding expo!

The Sebokeng Wedding Expo was held at Saul Tsotetsi sports complex in zone 14, Sebokeng, Vaal, South of Joburg.

The wedding expo was organised by the Emfuleni Local Municipality's local economic development unit and the Vaal Wedding Association.

The beautiful exhibitions attracted hundreds of visitors, many of them coming to meet clothing and cake designers, wedding planners, photographers and videographers, hairdressers and make-up artists.

Guests were treated to a glittering fashion show on Saturday, with models showing off some of the African and Western outfits made by local designers.

Khulu Malindi, Member of the Mayoral Committee for local economic development, told attendees that it was the first time the wedding expo

was presented in a township.

Malindi said more amazing events were planned for townships, including a wine festival and fashion show. "The standard of the exhibitors was very high and the next one will be even bigger", added Malindi.

The wedding expo ended on Sunday with a draw for a fantastic prize for a couple planning to walk down the aisle next year. The prize included a two-night stay at a hotel, wedding dress hire, a wedding cake, preparations for 50 guests and a horse-drawn cart ride.