

UPLIFTING STANDARD OF LIVING



MODERN FACILITY... The construction of the Mfidikwe Sewer Project is in line with our aim to improve ablution facilities within our host communities.

An initiative to improve the sewerage infrastructure of local communities bore fruit on 19 November when the Rustenburg Community Development Trust (RCDT) handed over a project that will positively transform the lives of more than 400 households in Mfidikwe.

The Mfidikwe Sewer Project, which was started as one of Anglo American Platinum's social and labour plan (SLP) initiatives in 2014, has been completed thanks to the collaborative effort of RCDT and Sibanye Stillwater.

This modern reticulated sewage system connects sewage drains to the main sewer. Handing the project over on 19 November (World Toilet Day) was symbolic of the role players' commitment towards tackling sewerage challenges faced by local communities.

MWB Consulting Engineers managing director Ambroses Sekotlo urged the beneficiaries of the project to zealously protect their new asset by making sure it does not get vandalised. He cited the theft of a transformer that was installed to benefit members of the community as retrogressive to development initiatives. He also gave a technical overview of the various stages the Mfidikwe Sewer Project underwent before it was eventually completed.

Project manager Peter Motshaba explained that although final touches still have to be made to the project, most of the work was completed.

“Platinum is fully committed to responding to the needs of our host communities whenever we are able to do so.”

Process Division
Services (PDS) senior
social performance
(SP) and development
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE... From left: Sibanye Stillwater senior vice president for stakeholder relations Thabisile Phumo, RBA Kgosana Goitsewang Petlele and RCDT chairperson Nthabiseng Matsobane.

Acknowledging the positive impact the project will have on the community, kgosana Goitsewang Petlele from the Royal Bafokeng Administration (RBA) said: "We appreciate the gesture. Thank you for attending to the sanitation needs of our people."

RCDT chairperson Nthabiseng Matsobane said her association was proud to be associated with activities that are geared towards uplifting people's standard of living.



MEN AT WORK... All construction activities were carried out under strict supervision, following all the COVID-19 protocols.



EXTREMELY GRATEFUL... RBA Kgosana Goitsewang Petlele thanked RCDT, Platinum as well as Sibanye Stillwater for the intervention.



TALKING DEVELOPMENT... RCDT trustee Goitseona Modisane.

"Through coordinated efforts, we can all contribute towards uplifting the standard of life within our communities."

RCDT chairperson
Nthabiseng Matsobane



MODERN TECHNOLOGY... The modern pipe facilities of the system connect sanitary drains to the main sewer.



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World Toilet Day, internationally observed on 19 November celebrates toilets and raises awareness of the 4.2 billion people living without access to safely managed ablution facilities and sewerage systems. Everyone must have access to proper ablution facilities being supported by sustainable sewerage systems.



ATTENTIVE... Guests and community members were attentive throughout the formal proceedings of the Mfidikwe Sewer Project handover.

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“Beneficiaries of this project have the responsibility to take care of their assets.”

MWB Consulting Engineers managing director Ambroses Sekotlo



“Community development must result in projects that benefit all the people of the community.”

RBA planning and infrastructure development administrator Nthebe Ntsimane

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