RICHARDS BAY MINERALS
LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
IN A NUTSHELL

RBM has committed R150 million towards the Local Economic Development (LED) Programme from 2009 to 2014. The programme has largely focussed on infrastructure development projects such as roads, clinics, the provision of water, education infrastructure as well as income generating projects and agriculture. LED projects are driven in conjunction with the local municipalities and provincial government departments. This brochure highlights a number of initiatives, projects and interventions in various developmental areas.
OBJECTIVES

- Develop technical-related skills at high school level in the local area
- Develop Mkhayideni into a fully-fledged technical high school, and upgrade Tisand workshop equipment
- Increase and enhance the human resource capacity to deliver quality technical, mathematics and science education for learners
- Support the South African economy’s needs for skilled human resources in mathematics and technical fields

IMPACT

- RBM built Tisand and Mkhayideni in 1998 as technical high schools
- Mkhayideni Workshop: 56 metres X 16.5 metres brick and steel structure for the training of electrical and mechanical subjects. This includes an administration office
- RBM has sponsored 100 learners in the fields of mathematics and science through the Bambisanani Leadership Community Programme since 2002
- Six students from these schools received RBM bursaries for further studies in engineering and mining related fields and for later employment by RBM
- In 2013, the Mkhayideni school proudly had a student with seven distinctions who has gone on to study medicine

PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- The construction of the workshop was awarded to a Mbonambi community enterprise, Isibonelo Construction

EDUCATION
MKHAYIDENI & TISAND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

SPEND
R6,906,664

JOBS CREATED
TOTAL EMPLOYED: 21
(YOUTH: 11; WOMEN: 1)
OBJECTIVES

• Support government’s endeavour in providing housing for low income and poor community members

• Supports the provincial government’s Sukuma Sakhe Programme

IMPACT

• 26 houses completed

• 66m² house consisting of three bedrooms, bathroom, lounge and kitchen

• Houses in areas where there is no water connection are provided with 5 000 litre water (Jojo) tanks

• A number of government departments and stakeholders have been engaged in the implementation of this project. These include the Departments of Mineral Resources, Human Settlements and Social Development, as well as local municipalities and traditional councils.

• Izinduna, working with elected councilors, identified households that were considered for award of houses from sub-wards (izigodi)

• Selection criteria considered at the following:
  • Child-headed households
  • People with disabilities
  • Elderly people
  • Orphans
  • People with chronic debilitating illnesses
  • Extremely destitute individuals

PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

• All construction work has been awarded to enterprises from the host communities

• 13 different host community enterprises have been awarded contracts to build the houses to

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
HOUSES FOR THE DESTITUTE

SPEND
R15,482,551

JOBS CREATED
TOTAL EMPLOYED: 120
OBJECTIVES

• Improve road networks in communities
• Improve connectivity to economic hubs, while improved infrastructure will create more opportunities for community investment and eco-tourism growth

PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

D887
In partnership with the KZN Department of Transport, work started in November 2013 and is scheduled to be complete by November 2014.

Eight host community enterprises from the Dube and Mkwanazi communities awarded various sub-contracting work on the road construction.

P232
In partnership with the KZN Department of Transport, work started in January 2014 and is scheduled to be complete by December 2014.

Eight host community enterprises from the Sokhulu community awarded various sub-contracting work on the road construction.

IMPACT

D887

D887 is one of the main access routes into and out of the Dube community and a number of izigodi (sub-wards) are served by the D887. It is the main route connecting the Dube Traditional Court with Esikhleni and onto the N2.

Four community schools are situated along the route, as well as the Mpembeni clinic.

P232

Sokhulu is located near the N2 and P232 provides the thoroughfare to the N2 and Mbonambi Town. The upgrade of P232 will provide a seamless connection for the Sokhulu community to the Meerensee area and Richards Bay city.

Sokhulu has the Mapelane Nature Reserve which is a pristine tourist destination accessible through the P232. The poor condition of P232 has previously hampered the realisation of the full potential of Mapelane Nature Reserve as a local and district attraction for fishing and other tourist activities.

From time to time, RBM also attracts visitors – local, national and international – to see its world-class mining operations and the company’s award-winning dune forest rehabilitation programme. However, these visitors do not get to experience the culture and heritage of local people due to poor access to these communities. This challenge will now be addressed through the upgraded road networks.

TRANSPORT

BUILDING AND IMPROVING ROADS

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R23,257,936

JOBS CREATED

TOTAL EMPLOYED: 156
D887: 113
P232: 43
OBJECTIVES

SOKHULU CLINIC
• Establish a comprehensive and integrated facility with suitable capacity to handle the ever increasing number of people seeking health services in Sokhulu

MBONAMBI CLINIC
• Establish a comprehensive, sustainable and integrated HIV/AIDS management centre in Mbonambi community that will service at least four surrounding communities

IMPACT

SOKHULU CLINIC
• The old Sokhulu Clinic, built by RBM many years ago, could no longer cater for the needs of the more than 20 000 community members in the areas
• Building of the new Sokhulu Clinic was motivated by statistics which recorded a drastic increase from 1 200 to 2 500 individual visits per month in 2009/2010

MBONAMBI CLINIC
The centre will provide the following services:
• Prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV (PMTCT)
• Anti-retroviral treatment (ARVs)
• Infant formula feeding
• Provider Initiated Counselling and Testing (PICT) to ensure that all pregnant women are offered Voluntary Counselling & Testing (VCT)
• Wellness and support services

PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES
• Construction of both clinics undertaken by host community contractors

HEALTH CLINICS

SPEND
R7,911,982

SOKHULU CLINIC
TOTAL EMPLOYED: 46
WOMEN: 11
YOUTH: 40

MBONAMBI CLINIC
TOTAL EMPLOYED: 26
WOMEN: 4
YOUTH: 22
SMME DEVELOPMENT
SUPPLIER & ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

OBJECTIVES
• Develop technical and business management skills of host communities entrepreneurs
• Contribute to the growth of the South African economy
• Create job opportunities

IMPACT
• 30 host community enterprises enrolled in the Enterprise Development Programme (EDP)
• 30 host community enterprises enrolled in the Supplier Development Programme (SDP)
• 44 host community enterprises enrolled in the Zulti South Capacity Building Programme

PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES
A number of companies in the SDP are already trading with RBM

SPEND
R6,756,292

AGRICULTURE
SMALL SCALE COMMERCIAL FARMING AND HYDROPONICS

OBJECTIVES
• Develop agriculture as a sustainable income generation activity in our host communities
• Assist community farmers to develop skills to become sustainable small scale commercial farmers

IMPACT
• Over 1,000 farmers are supported through training
• Market days organised by the company lead to income generation for community farmers
• Some farmers supply school feeding schemes in host communities

SPEND
R9,516,794.18
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