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PLATINUM
MORE THAN MINING

Royal Bafokeng Platinum: Listed!

by Martin Bekker

8 November marked an historic day for the Royal Bafokeng Nation, with the listing of Royal Bafokeng Platinum. The float was the first time that one of the Bafokeng-controlled companies took to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE). The market responded well and the shares were all scooped up within minutes – reflecting investor confidence in the company's management, the value proposition of the company and the general South African resources market, as well as being part of a larger bullish rally on the bourse.

Steve Phiri, the Chief Executive Officer of 'RBPlat', as it will be abbreviated, said that he “welcomes new shareholders to RBPlat, which is a very, very special South African mining company”. He told the media that “our journey towards this listing has been interesting and sometimes challenging. It began many years ago, towards the end of the 19th century when young Bafokeng men were sent to work on the country's diamond mines to earn money to buy their own land. Today, we



Picture supplied by RBPlat

Steve Phiri, Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi and Magosi Tumagole

participate fully with investors and mining companies. This epitomises our vision: more than mining.” Phiri promised that “we will operate our assets with integrity and as efficiently as possible, with due care for our employees, our neighbours and the environment. We aim to generate wealth and prosperity for the broadest group of stakeholders and to create value for our shareholders.”

RBPlat listed on the main board of the JSE, in the 'Platinum and Precious Metals' sector. 30.05% of

ownership, or equity, in the company was made available on the market, at an initial price of R60.50 a share. This offering raised R2.98 billion, which will begin to help bringing phase one of the Styldrift Merensky Project into production.

RBPlat was created from the restructuring of the Bafokeng Rasimone Platinum Mine joint venture between Royal Bafokeng Holdings (Pty. Ltd.) and Anglo Platinum (Ltd.), of which Rustenburg Platinum Mines Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary. RBPlat is touted

as a “black-owned and -controlled mid-tier platinum group metals producer”. With revenue that will be channelled towards the RBNDT, the company will benefit the Bafokeng morafe for years to come by helping our building of Bafokeng roads, laying of water reticulation and drainage, enhancing schools, supporting feeding schemes, funding sports development and providing employment, to name only a few. A proud day indeed!



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RBPlat Mine in Rasimone



Vision statement

“We the Bafokeng Nation, the Supreme Council and Kgosi, are determined to develop ourselves to be a self sufficient Nation by the second decade of the 21 century.”

Mission statement

“We give our full and relentless commitment to provide our nation with all basic human needs. To provide continued promotion of respect and enhancement of our culture and economic self sufficiency. In all these endeavours we shall not falter in holding our respect to our Kgosi and the Nation, and hold dear our land.”

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Batlhokomedi ba bana ba akgolelwa tiro e manontlhotlho

by Minah Huma

Tiro e e manontlhotlho ya batlhokomedi ba bana, e nnile yona puo kgolo kwa moletlong o o neng o tshwaretswe kwa Bafokeng Conference Centre, ka kgwedi ya Ngwanatsele a tlhola malatsi a le some-nngwe. Moetlo wa dijo tsa bosigo o neng o rulagantswe ke mokgatlho wa Godisanang, ka tshwaragano le lefapha la pholo le tlhabololo ya loago la Royal Bafokeng Nation mmogo le mekgatlho e mengwe, e ne e le wa go akgolela batlhokomedi ka seabe sa bona mo matshelelong a bana.

Batlhokomedi ba bana ba le some-a-mabedi, ba ne ba abelwa ditifikeiti tsa tebogo mmogo le le tsa go tsenela katiso ya go tokafatsa seemo sa tiro ya bona.

Fa a ne a tshwaela ka dikabo tse, Marie van Schalkwyk, wa Neo-Birth, o rile batlhokomedi ba dira ka ditsela tse di farologaneng go tlisa tshepo le lerato mo baneng, mme o ba tlotlela boineelo jwa bona mo go tlhokomeleng bana.

Gareng ga batlhokomedi, Mmapula Nkweng wa kwa Robega, Lerato Moabi wa kwa Rasimone le Legogang Monyeki wa kwa Chaneng, ba ile gae ba tshotse dikabo tsa go nna batlhokomedi ba ba tlhwatlhwa ba ngwaga, ba ba dirang ka thata, ka boineelo le ka bopelotelele.

Lerato Moabi, a re o motlotlo thata ka tiro ya gagwe le go nna karolo ya mokgatlho wa Godisanang. "Go nna karolo ya maphelo a bana ba, go nthutle dilo di le dintsi thata; jaaka go nna pelo-telele, go itse mekgwa ya go tlhokomela bana le go ithuta go reetsa". A re le fa gona bana ba na le go nna ditlhogo dithata ka dinako dingwe, e le kantlha ya go tlhoka batsadi, fela bopelo-telele le thupelelo e ba e fiwang, ke tsona di ba thusang gore ba kgone tiro ya

bone..

Mafoko a tlhotloetso a ne a buiwa ke Mmemogolo Semane Molotlegi, yo o neng a akgolela batlhokomedi tiro e ba e dirang "Go a itumedisa go bona ka mokgwa o mokgatlho o o godileng ka teng, le go bona batlhokomedi ba bontsha matlhagatlhaga, go itshepa mo tirong ya bona le go dira ka thata."

"Ka segarona, ga gona khutsana, ngwana wa moagisani, ke ngwana wa rona rotlhe, botho ke bona bo bo dirang gore re se palelwe ke se".

Fa a ne a tswelela, Mmemogolo o lebogile Thabo Botele, e leng ena ntate a le nosi, yo o dirang le bomme go tlhokomela bana. A re o solofela fa se, se tla fetoga mo isagong, mme bontate ba le bantsi, ba simolola go nna karolo ya lenaane la go tlhokomela bana.

Kagiso Mosai, ke mongwe wa bao ba ba ungwetsweng ke ditirelo tsa Godisanang. O buile a sa kgale mathe ganong ka tiro e ntle eo e dirwang ke batlhokomedi. A re batlhokomedi ba mo thusitse go tlhaloganya gore, le fa a tlhokafaletse ke mmaagwe, seo ga se bokhutlo ba lefatshe; o santse a ka kgona go nna se a se batlang mo botshelong. Ka thuso ya batlhokomedi, Mosai ke moithuti wa ngwaga wa ntsha wa BSc kwa Wits University. O lebogile batlhokomedi ka seabe seo ba nnileng le sona mo botshelong jwa gagwe.

Godisanang ke mokgatlho wa go tlhokomela dikhutsana le bana ba ba tlhokang. O na le bana ba le 400 ka fa tlase ga tlhokomelo ya ona kwa kgaolong ya Macharora. Leano le, leo le dirang go tshwana fela le la boditshabatshaba, le tlhokometse bana ka go lebelela gareng ga tse dingwe, ditlhokego tsa pholo, phepo, bodulo, thuto le tlhokomelo ya maikutlo le semoa.



Picture by Theron Rapoo

Badiri bao ba neng ba amogela tlotlo kwa moletlong ba patilwe ke bangwe ba badiri ba lefapha

Where there's a will, there's a way

by Lekgetho Matlhaga

Ntebo Sedikwe, an partially sighted woman, is running the Chaneng Association for the Blind. The organisation was established in 2005 after Sedikwe resigned from Sun City where she worked for ten years. The organisation has, since its establishment, achieved great things. Segoagoe spoke to Mme Sedikwe, to find out more about her organisation.

What is Chaneng Association for the Blind?

Currently, our organisation operates as a Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) helping mostly blind people. Our long term vision is to be a satellite sheltered employment centre for the visually impaired.

Who are the members of the association and where do they come from?

I started working with four other blind people from the community. Currently, we have ten members, plus the three that have full sight. They are all from Chaneng village. There are other Bafokeng people from other villages who are interested in working with us, but the challenge is transport.

Who inspired you to start an organisation like this?

One day when I was listening to the radio; I heard an interview of Andrew Mkhabela, another blind person, talking about the school for the blind in Pretoria. I then decided to attend the school and study Braille and a computer course; unfortunately I was rejected because I was



Mme Ntebo Sedikwe displaying some of the cleaning products

diagnosed with an partial sight. I was then referred to Michael Makgoba at the same institution, who advised me to start my own project.

Where does the Association get its funds from?

Chaneng Association for the Blind was initially assisted by the Thabo Mbeki Trust Fund. With the money received, we were able to erect a fence, buy bricks and build a structure to work from. We are also being sponsored by Food & Trees for Africa (FTFA) which is the service provider helping with permaculture (natural) food gardening skills. Both FTFA and the National Council for the Blind have provided the Association with water tanks for watering the garden. We also sell vegetables, and cleaning products.

Tell us more about the products?

We are currently providing vegetables and honey from our

garden and we also sell cleaning products like pine gel, bleach, 'tipi', bubble bath and "Handy Andy".

Your members are visually impaired, how do you manage to do all this work?

We work with great determination as a team. When we are, for instance, working in the vegetable garden, we assist each other where the other person cannot manage. The three sighted people that we work with also assist wherever impossible.

Where do you sell your products?

Members of the community and even people from the surrounding areas come to buy the products directly from us.

What significant achievements have you made so far?

We won Community Builder of the Year two years in 2007/2008 and again in 2009/2010. We also won in

the Bafokeng Excellence Awards for the Community Builder of the Year.

What is the biggest difficulty you encountered with your organisation?

We encounter problems when it rains because of transport and access to the garden. It can take us up to two days before we can access the project after rain.

What do you think is the best lesson you learned along the way?

When God closed the door of my sightedness, he opened another one. I never thought I could survive being blind.

Is there anything that interested readers can do to help your organisation?

- The main thing we would like is transport for our people to access this project. We also have youth who sometimes like to help. We would like to assist them as their needs different from ours.
- We also would like an irrigation scheme to water the garden. I was inspired by one irrigation scheme I saw in Brits, I would like to see us one day having something like that in our garden.
- For now, we are only concentrating on the garden and cleaning products. We would like to participate in Cycling Competitions or the Blind, shot put, cricket as well as rugby for the blind.

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Bafokeng ba Mmutlana ba etela Phokeng

by Theron Rapoo

Maloko a Bafokeng Ba Mmutlana a ne mo malobeng a iponatsa mo Phokeng, mo leetong la malatsi a le mararo. Ba ne ba tlele go ithuta ka Bafokeng le go iponna ka matlho seo se beileng Bafokeng mo matlhong a lefatshe ka diphitlhelelo tsa bona, segolobogolo mo nakong ya sejana sa lefatshe.

Gareng ga maloko a Morafe o, a le some-a-mane le botlhano, a ka bonno a leng kwa Lesotho, go ne go le baeteleldi –pele ba Morafe le baemedi bagolo mo kgotleng. Botlhe ba ne ba itumelela go tsamaisiwa le go bontshiwa mafelo a tshwana le Lebone II College ya Royal Bafokeng, setadiamo, Bafokeng Health Centre, le Bafokeng Sports Campus gareng ga

tse dinngwe.

Ka go kgatlhiwa ke seo ba se boneng, mongwe wa bona, o tshwaetse ka gore, "Ke tota ke itumetse ebile ke tlhela mafoko go tlhalosa seo ke boneng Bafokeng ba se dira. Ke kgahlilwe thata ke go bona ka mokgwa o thuto e tseelwang godimo ka teng; ke eletsa okare le rona kwa Lesotho re ka tsweletsa thuto eo Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi a e neelang Morafe wa gagwe; mme kwa bofelong ra re, Bafokeng, tshwarang ka thata".

E tlaare mo ngwageng o o tlang, Bafokeng ba ka kwano le bona ba busa maoto, go ya go bona seo ba ga Mmutlana ba se dirang kwa Lesotho le go ba tlhologanya botoka.



Rre Magosi Tumagole le bangwe ba baeng

Bakhuduthamaga ba Makgotla ba abelwa ditifikeiti tsa boeteledi-pele

by Mercy Mokgatle

Fa kgwedi ya Ngwanatsele e tlhola malatsi a le 27, sekolo sa Lebone se ne sa amogela Bakhuduthamaga, bao ba neng ba tlile moletlong wa dikalogo. Moletlo o ne o rulagantswe ke Royal Bafokeng Institute eo e leng yona e neng e katisa bakhuduthamaga ka fa tlase ga lenaneo la yona la boeteledi-pele.

Fa a ne a tshwaela ka maikaelelo a moletlo, Dr Charles Mironko wa RBI Leadership Programme, o ne a re, lenaneo la boeteledi pele ke go tiisa mokgwa wa puso ya setso wa Bafokeng ka go matlafatsa Bakhuduthamaga gore ba kgone go lebona ka katlego le diphetogo mo lefatsheng. Ka go rialo, lenaneo la boeteledi-pele, le ne la tswelletsa katiso mo maphateng a tshwana le Best Administrative and Leadership Practicesga mmogo le In-Community Circle Dialogues, moo baeteledi-pele le maloko a Morafe a neng a kopana, le go rulaganya mmogo dintlha tseo di lebaneng le dikomiti go ya ka dikgaolo tsa bona.

Gona kwa moletlong oo, Dikgosana di le 39 di ne tsa amogela ditifikeiti tsa bokgoni, Dikgosana di le 24 di amogetse ditifikeiti tsa go tsenela katiso, fa BoMma-DiKgosana ba le 38 le bona ba tlolilwa ka go abelwa tsa tebogo. Go fitlha ga jaana ke palogotlhe ya bakhuduthamaga ba le 400 bao ba amogetseng ditifikeiti tsa bokgoni le ba le 78 bao baa mogetseng tsa go tsenela katiso.

Mo ngwageng o fela, go alogile Bakhuduthamaga ba le 319 go tswa go ba le 426.

Mo puong ya gagwe, Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi o kaile gore, seabe sa Bakhuduthamaga jaaka batsadi le baeteledi-pele ba Morafe, ke go tlhokomela seo se diragalang mo dikolong tsa Morafe gore ba kgone go bona le go lekanyetsa tswelo-pele eo e diragalang. Kgosi o tswelletswe ka gore, Bakhuduthamaga ke bangwe batho ba ba ka kgonang go bona digrata mme o eletsa fa ba ka wetsa dithuto tsa bona fa a santse e le MoChanselara wa Unibesithi ya Bokone Bophirima.

Ntlhakgolo e nngwe mo puong ya Kgosi ke gore, Basha ba Bafokeng ba tshwanelwa ke go tlhokomela Morafe le go tsaya karolo mo dprojekeng tsa Morafe, sekai; taolo ya matlakala. Kgosi o tshitshintse gore baamogedi ba dibasari, ba tlhame mokgatlo o maikaelelo a ona e leng Tirelo Morafe.

Puo ya sebuiseigolo kwa moletlong oo, Dr S.F. Khunou's e ne e ikaegile ka boeteledi-pele jo bo bo manonthlotlo. O ne a nopola dintlha tsa puo ya ga Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi ka nako ya pulo ya kgotlakgolo ya RBN ya gore "Jaaka baeteledipele le baitsianape, re tshwanelwa ke go rulaganya sentle, go tswelela go ithuta..."

Dr Khunou o ne a tswelela ka gore RBI, e tlhoka go dira go menagane ka dirutwa tseo ba di abang, segoloboglo dithuto tsa tsamaiso ya

ditšhelete. A re se, se tla thusa Bakhuduthamaga go tokafatsa kabelo ya ditirelo le go godisa tsamaiso ya Morafe ka go dirisa matlole a Morafe sentle.

Lenaneo la tswelletswe ya boeteledi-pele, ke maiteko a go katisa baeteledi-pele ba Morafe gore ba fitlhelele dithuto tsa seemo sa NQF. Lenaneo le, le simolotse ka kgwedi ya Lwetse mo ngwageng o o fetileng ka katiso ya bannaditulo, bakwaledi le batshola matlotlo mo dikgaolong tsotlhe.

Monognwaga lenaneo le, le ne la tsena mo katisong ya Community Development Learning Programme (NQF 3), le Best Leadership Practices (Defining Myself; Effective Communication and Working with Numbers). Dikaloso tsa lenaneo le di solofetswe mo ngwageng o o tlang ka kgwedi ya Diphlane. Ntle le dithupelelo tse, lenaneo le tshwara dikopano le dipuisano tsa ka gale, moo Dikgosana le maloko a Morafe a ngangisanang ka dintlha tsa loago, ikonomi le tsa seplotiki tseo Morafe o lebaganeng le tsona go ya ka dikgaolo tsa bona.

Mo godimo ga moo, Bakhuduthamaga ba weditse karolo ya ntlha ya katiso ya tsa ditšhelete, eo e neng e etleediwa ke ABSA. Kabelo ya ditifikeiti e e solofetswe go dirwa ka kgwedi ya Mopitlwe ka 2011.

Mo puong ya gawe ya tebogo,, Kgosa Johnny Senne, mo boemong jwa dialogane o

lebogetse Kgosi go neela dikomiti tsa Makgotla tšhono ya go tokafatsa kitso ya bona. O lebogile gape le RBI, dialogane gammogo le botlhe ba ba tsereng karolo mo go direng gore moletlo o tswelletswe sentle. Basha ba Tshwaraganang Cultural Group go tswa kwa Luka, ba ne natefisa moletlo ka dipina le motantsho wa setso.



Picture by Theron Rapoo
Rre Moleti Mokgatle le Kgosa Samuel Mothokoa



Picture by Theron Rapoo
Bangwe ba Dikgosana morago ga kabelo ya ditifikeiti

Nurses Wanted!

From February to May 2011, AfricaScope Research, sponsored by the Research and Planning department, will be conducting the next Bafokeng Household Survey, and need registered nurses to help us in the collection of bio-medical samples. Please apply by sending your details to:

HHS@bafokeng.com

Celebrating Science Teachers and Learners

by Theron Rapoo

It was a mind blowing experience to attend the end of year of Royal Bafokeng Institute science programme. A science show was held on 20th November at the new Lebone II College campus to celebrate the work of Physical Science Educators and the top achieving learners within the Bafokeng community.

More than 300 High School learners and science teachers of RBN and assisted schools gathered under one roof in the school hall to witness the magic of science. Francois Germishuizen of Experilab presented exciting demonstrations of chemistry and physics in action. His presentation included colourful chemical reactions, electromagnetic phenomena, and loud explosions.

He showed the learners that science can be fun and full of surprises. Few will forget how a 'Mentos' sweet reacts with Coke to create a fountain. Just as we thought that Germishuizen had run out of ideas, he launched a rocket which soared over 200 m high in front of the school hall, much to everyone's appreciation and amazement.

Susie Crossman, the RBI Project Science Manager, organised the event to encourage the teachers and learners to continue striving for excellence and to promote more interest in science education. Teachers meet for workshops throughout the year to discuss teaching strategies, assessment methods and the use of ICT in

science classrooms. More than 40 teachers from 25 High Schools attend these weekly sessions. This initiative impacts more than 4 000 learners in RBN and assisted schools. Building a strong supportive network of enthusiastic educators, and inviting Germishuizen to make science look easy, accessible and exciting, gives hope that we may see more young Bafokeng learners become scientists in the near future.

Abueng Hlahla, RBI assistant to the curriculum development project, took up an offer for a donation from Sasol Infonet of a set of encyclopaedias on the chemical industry. This comprehensive resource was handed over to Alta

Bester, librarian of Lebone II College, during the science celebration day. It will strengthen the knowledge base of the science teaching community for many years to come.



Picture by Theron Rapoo
Francois Germishuizen showing the magic of science