



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Zibulo Colliery restores high mast lighting in Leandra to improve safety**

Thungela's Zibulo Colliery has refurbished eight high-mast lights in Lebohang, Leandra. The decision to undertake this project stemmed from discussions with the Govan Mbeki Municipality, during which the issue of non-operational high-mast lights emerged as a significant safety challenge within the communities. Residents highlighted prolonged darkness in specific areas due to vandalism and equipment malfunctions as a major security concern.

Zibulo Colliery heeded the call and upgraded the infrastructure, implementing energy-efficient LED lights and enhancing hoisting systems for improved functionality. These enhancements not only facilitate safer and easier maintenance but also include security measures to safeguard the newly installed lights. This project forms part of Zibulo Colliery's Social and Labour Plan (SLP).

Matome Moremi, general manager at Zibulo Colliery said: "This initiative reflects our commitment to community safety and improving essential services in communities surrounding our operations. Safety is our number one value as a business, and this extends beyond our mining operations into communities where we operate. Public areas' lighting infrastructure is a basic but vital part of a community, and we are pleased to support the residents of Lebohang in improving their safety through restoring the high-mast lights."

The Govan Mbeki Local Municipality welcomed the projects and its impact on service delivery. "This is a meaningful upgrade for the people of Lebohang," said Councillor Nhlakanipo Zuma, Executive Mayor of the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality. "We always welcome this kind of investment, which strengthens infrastructure and improves and safeguards the lives of our residents."

This SLP project not only restored lighting but also provided short-term employment opportunities for seven host community members, hired by local electrical contractor, promoting inclusion and contributing to the development of local skills. This aligns to Thungela's broader focus to improve the quality of community services where we operate.

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The Group owns interests in and produces its thermal coal from six mining operations located in the Mpumalanga province of South Africa, which consist of both underground and opencast mines, namely Goedehoop, Greenside, Isibonelo, Khwezela, Zibulo and Mafube.

Thungela acquired 100% of the Ensham Coal Mine in Queensland, Australia, reinforcing its strategic geographic diversification objective.

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