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Mafube Colliery improves road access for Sikhululiwe Village community

Mafube Coal, Thungela's 50% joint venture with Exxaro, has constructed a 3,4-kilometre tarred road, connecting Ward 7 of the Sikhululiwe Village, to the R104 road in the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga. The R54 million investment forms part of Mafube Coal's commitment to improve infrastructure in communities surrounding the operation.

The road construction project fulfils a commitment Mafube Coal made to the community following public consultation and engagement with the Sikhululiwe Village community. The community highlighted poor road conditions that make it difficult to commute, particularly during the rainy season. This affected service delivery in the area.

Tamara Qwatekana, Mafube Coal's general manager, said: "Reliable Road infrastructure is a foundation for development. It allows communities to access opportunities and services with dignity. This investment reflects our continued commitment to building infrastructure that makes a lasting difference in the communities where we operate."

"This new tarred road will improve the quality of life for the residents of the 400 households in the village, allowing easy access to essential services - reducing travel time and damage to motorists' vehicles. Commuters will no longer find themselves stuck in the mud after heavy rains, with pedestrians forced to wade through water, just to get to where they need to go." said Tamara.

The project was implemented in collaboration with local suppliers who in turn created 15 job opportunities during construction, empowering local plant suppliers, a fuel supplier. Sakhisene, a local SMME constructed the perimeter fencing along the road to prevent animals from crossing the road.

Thulasizwe Thomo, MEC of Public Works, Roads and Transport in Mpumalanga, said: This initiative is a great example of what can be achieved when government and the private sector work together. The project has strengthened the infrastructure that supports this community, enabling them to travel without damaging their vehicles, allowing easy access to the R104 that links the village to both Middelburg and Belfast.

Iddy Mahlangu, a Councillor from Ward 7, said: "We are truly grateful for Mafube Coal's investment in our community. This road has transformed our village and will make traveling in and out of this area safer and easier, especially for those who need to reach schools and healthcare facilities."

The completion of this road brings renewed hope for residents and small businesses alike, presenting opportunities for growth and expanding their reach and access to new markets.

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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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