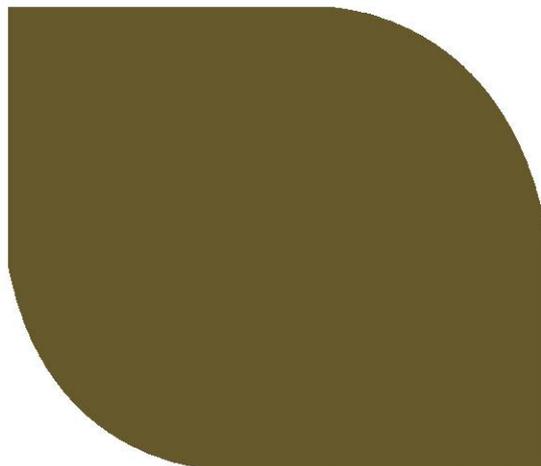




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Sibanye-Stillwater, the Merafong Municipality and the Far West Rand Dolomitic Water Association (FWRDWA) have availed approximately 30 000 hectares of land in the Merafong City Local Municipality and Rand West Local Municipality ("Programme Area") to facilitate the development of a prototype agri-industrial hub, Bokamoso Ba Rona, in Gauteng.

The Bokamoso Ba Rona programme is a multi-stakeholder initiative aimed at promoting sustainable economic activity through the development of a large-scale agriculture and bio-energy hub, in areas on the greater West Rand district.

RATIONALE FOR LAND REDISTRIBUTION

While there might be differences in approach, it is generally accepted that South Africa needs land reform programmes. Land redistribution on its own is however not enough to effect the envisaged social and economic benefits. That is why there is a need for high levels of commitment, collaboration and partnerships representing local community structure, business, local government, national government and the investment community to ensure that redistributed land is used optimally and in the best interest of many rather than a few individuals.

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

Mining has a finite lifespan. It is therefore essential that economies such as that of the Greater West Rand district that are predominantly dependent on mining start thinking of life after mining, and put in place alternative yet sustainable economic activities for long after mining has stopped being the primary driver of economic life in the area.

BENEFITTING THE COMMUNITIES

The programme will create new business opportunities and with these, increased employment and economic empowerment in the Programme Area through a particular focus on agriculture skills transfer and development, and an emphasis on the creation of labour-intensive opportunities;

To accelerate transformation by creating opportunities that provide ongoing development and training particularly for young people from the surrounding local communities, with an overall objective of creating a new generation of entrepreneurs.

BENEFICIARIES BEYOND MINING

As an agri-industrial hub, the project will not only have the effect of addressing challenges relating to waste and global climate change but is set to be an economic game changer in the Programme Area, giving young people skills, creating new business opportunities, jobs and changing the landscape of the area.

OUR APPROACH

The programme will require a multidisciplinary approach to development and implementation. Consequently, a number of stakeholders and strategic partners were brought on board.

That is why Bokamoso Ba Rona has pulled in the various organisations to make this a multi-stakeholder initiative. This programme is supported by the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) and the South African Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, whose active participation will support effective implementation of the programme.

