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Workers standing outside the factory.

# Dunlop workers go on 'illegal' strike

The National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) began striking last Tuesday at Sumitomo Rubber South Africa (SRSA) - Dunlop Tyre Factory Ladysmith. According to NUMSA, the reason for the strike is because the staff are fed up with management. The union is demanding the suspension of the factory's CEO, head of Human Resources and production co-ordinator, pending a disciplinary hearing for allegedly undermining the union. The strike started up again yesterday morning (Wednesday) and it was reported that the factory remains non-operational. SRSA CEO Lubin Ozoux said that upon assessment, they found the strike to be unprotected and illegal.

SRSA management and HR teams have been engaging with the various structures of the union in an attempt to resolve the situation as amicably and quickly as possible. As of Wednesday last week, negotiations had reached a deadlock and SRSA said it was pursuing legal processes. Ozoux said that, "NUMSA's publicly stated reasons for the strike are untruthful. The union has accused SRSA of undermining it, made unlawful demands for the dismissal of three senior SRSA executives, and called for the immediate reinstatement of the previous shift system and reversal of reduced working hours implemented due to current economic challenges. However, the deadlock and cause of the strike are linked

to an ongoing disciplinary process involving NUMSA-affiliated SRSA employees. SRSA is confident that it has followed all due process in this matter so far." He added that the safety and well-being of their employees remains their primary concern. "While we respect the right of our employees to engage in lawful and protected industrial action, we take a firm stance against illegal and disorderly strike action that threatens plant and employee safety. This will only compromise efforts to boost production and create jobs at this plant, which marks its 50th year of operation this year." Ozoux concluded that a meeting was held on Wednesday this week and they will give feedback as to what was discussed.

# New system introduced at regional hospital

Ladysmith Regional Hospital has introduced a new system they will be working with, namely eHealth. Patients' information will be captured onto the eHealth system, rather than having to wait for their files. Speaking to the hospital's PR manager, Thabo Sithole, he says the hospital is happy to be using this new system, as it has the advantage of reducing patients' waiting time. The issue of files getting lost will also fall away. Although the system is new, staff are

trained and patients will need to capture their details onto the system before they see a doctor. Sithole says it's a bit chaotic at the moment, because patients need to get used to the new way of how the hospital operates. "Files are a thing of the past now. As soon as a patient comes to the hospital, they need to go to a staff member who will capture their details onto the system," said Sithole. eHealth is already in place at the hospital.



The ransacked home in Kandahar Avenue.

# Spate of robberies over long weekend sees church, school and homes 'hit'

Police are investigating a spate of robberies that took place over the long weekend, in and around Hillside and the CBD area. A church was broken into and then a school was burgled on two consecutive days. The third time the suspects tried to get in, they failed. Speaking to one of the school board members, she confirmed the break-

ins and commented that kitchen equipment was stolen. More than three house robberies took place in Kandahar Avenue. One of the residents commented that she went on holiday for the long weekend and when she returned on Monday, she found that her house had been ransacked. The resident added that it's so unsafe in that area and she is grateful

she was not in the house at the time of the break-in. "Now that we are entering winter, the number of break-ins will be high and people should be alert. I did not have an alarm system and now I have realised the importance of having one," added the resident. She said that the suspects got in through a window by cutting the burglar guards.

# Local teacher enters singing competition



Monica Mostert.

Monica Mostert is a teacher with a not-so-hidden talent on the stage. Aside from her being a Grade 2 educator at Monument Primary School, Mostert is a talented singer who recently entered the brand new season of a talent search programme called 'Die Kontrak'. This is a television programme that promises to make the dreams of aspiring artists in the Afrikaans music industry come true. For emerging artists with a passion for music and Afrikaans as the language of their heart, the thought of one day standing on a big stage is one they fall asleep to at night! Mostert is proud and excited, and wants to do really well. Having entered, she now needs to make it to the next round. For that to happen, she needs you to 'like', comment and share on her various social media accounts, which are Instagram: 'Monica Mostert'; and Facebook: 'Monica Mostert'. She is an artist who has fully-booked gigs every weekend. Mostert recalls how she enjoyed acting and singing at school.

"Drama was my kind of thing and every day I would practice some type of drama, but I ultimately fell in love with music," she reminisces. She explains that she can lose herself in music because it allows her to escape reality. "For me, singing is not about being famous, but because I really enjoy it. "My songs might send a positive message that helps someone. When I see people enjoying my music, then I enjoy it more. If they cry, I cry along with them. That's so special," she says. As far as musical genres are concerned, Monica likes country, Afrikaans and English music. She also has a Zulu medley that goes back to 2019. A hobby of hers, that certainly complements singing, is dancing. She explains that, some time ago, she was part of a ballroom dancing team where she got to experience dancing on another level. "Ballroom dancing is beautiful. Even though it takes time to learn the steps, you eventually get there," she smiles.

**Zero Carbon Charge (ZCC)** **EnviroAfrica CC**

**NEMA & NWA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A RENEWABLE PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY GENERATION PLANT FOR AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND TRUCK RECHARGE FACILITY, NEAR WINTERTON, KWAZULU-NATAL**

Notice is hereby given of the intention to submit an application for environmental authorisation (EA) and the public participation process thereof, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended ("NEMA"), Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014. The proposed renewable energy plant for an electric vehicle and truck recharge facility falls within the ambit of activities listed in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

Application for EA to undertake the following activities in terms of the EIA Regulations 2014:  
 Government Notice R327 (Listing Notice 1); Activity No. 1, 11, 12, 14, 24, 27, 28  
 Government Notice R325 (Listing Notice 2); Activity No. 1, 15  
 Government Notice R324 (Listing Notice 3); Activity No. 3, 4, 10, 12, 14

**Application in terms of NWA: Sections 21 (a), (b), (c) and (i).**

*\*Please note that the listed activities above may change during the course of the NEMA Application process. Registered Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") will be notified of any changes.*

EnviroAfrica cc has been appointed by Zero Carbon Charge to undertake the NEMA application process for the EA and to facilitate the water applications.

**Project Description & Location:**  
 It is proposed that a solar photovoltaic (PV) plant, electric vehicle and truck recharge facility, energy storage battery units, overnight parking, stormwater pond, water tanks, lounge area with a kitchen, ablution facilities with a septic tank, shop and offices be developed including associated infrastructure on Portion 11 of the Farm Kop Leegte No. 1154, Registration Division GS. The Solar PV plant will be connected to the electric vehicle and truck recharge facilities via a distribution line with a capacity of approximately 33 kV. The solar PV facility will cover an area of approximately 80 ha. The proposed site is located approximately 15 km east of Winterton, KwaZulu-Natal.

Site co-ordinates (estimated central point):  
 Solar PV facility: 28° 46' 52.168" S, 29° 40' 26.681" E.

**Description of Alternatives:**  
 Due to the strategic placement required for the renewable electric vehicle and truck charging facilities and other renewable energy developments/proposed developments, alternative sites do not exist. However, alternative options which include inter alia alternative PV technology, layout options and the option of not proceeding with the proposed development at all (the No-Go option) will be considered and assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR). The EIR will include specialist reports and will undergo a further round of public participation.

**Public Participation (PP):**  
 I&APs are hereby notified of the intended application and are invited to register (in writing) and/or provide comments and identify any issues, concerns or opportunities relating to this project to the contact details provided below. To register or submit comment, I&APs should refer to the project name, provide their name, address & contact details (indicating your preferred method of notification) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the application. You are also requested to pass this information on to any person that you think should be notified. Please note that only Registered I&APs will be notified of the environmental reports and issuing of the environmental decision.  
 In line with the Protection of Personal Information Act (Act 4 of 2013 – as amended) should any Registered I&APs not want their contact information to be published as part of any reports as part of this application, please inform EnviroAfrica in writing. A non-response in this regard will be taken as consent to make any contact information publicly available.

The PP period in terms of the environmental aspects (NEMA Application 30 days) ends 12 June 2023 and for the water related issues (NWA 60 days) ends 12 July 2023.

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Essen nurses remember their 'Pledge of Service'.

## Florence Nightingale remembered

Essen Medical Centre celebrated 'International Nurses Day' on Friday. Speaking to the matron, Phillie Zikalala, she said that 'International Nurses Day' is celebrated around the world every May 12th on the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birthday. Florence Nightingale is of course the founder of modern-day nursing. "Nurses are the backbone of the healthcare

sector and a doctor's most trusted ally, because they spend more time with the patients, playing a pivotal role within the healthcare system," said Zikalala. For all nurses, this day is important because they are reminded of their 'Pledge of Service'. After reciting the pledge, staff were spoilt with yummy cupcakes and coffee.



Construction workers hard at work at the proposed new industrial hub.

# Construction of the industrial hub on track

Okhahlamba Local Municipality is currently busy with Phase 2 of the Light Industrial Hub project located in the central business district of Bergville.

The beneficiaries of this shared economic infrastructure include a group of informal traders such as mechanics, welders, furniture manufacturers, TV repairers and general trader market stalls.

The overall aim is to develop and transform the informal sector into a sustainable economic practice and to improve the CBD by providing a safe space for informal traders to operate from.

In 2013, the municipality identified several challenges facing the informal sector. At the time, the municipality proposed and formulated a concept of housing the light industrial sector under one common

structure.

In 2021, the municipality partnered with private fund-raisers and successfully sourced appropriate investments from the Department of Small Business Development and KZN CoGTA.

An amount of R10.8 million was successfully sourced from the National Department of Small Business Development under the SEIF funding programme for Phase 1, and a further R10.9 million was sourced from the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Cooperative Governance under the Small Town Rehabilitation programme. Construction is expected to be completed in August. Through this project, the municipality hopes to transform the town of Bergville by stimulating economic growth and creating more jobs.

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UHQLELO LOKUBAMBISANA OLUVULELEKILE PHAKATHI KWE NEMA ne NWA. OKUHLONGOZWA UKUSUNGULWA KWESIKHUNGO SOKUPHEHLA AMANDLA KAGESI AVUSELELWAYO, PHECELEZI, PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY GENERATION, EZOPHAKELA IZIMOTO NAMALOLI ASEBENZISA UGESI EDUZE NASE WINTERTON KWAZULU-NATALI.

Kwaziswa umphakathi ngenhloso yokufaka isicelo sokuvunyelwa ngokwezemvelo (EA), nokubambisana nomphakathi kulokho ngaphansi komthetho obizwa ngele National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), ngokuchibiyelwa kwawo ("NEMA"), kanye ne Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations ka 2014.

Lesisikhungo esihlongozwayo sokuphehla amandla kagesi azosetshenziswa amaloli nezimoto ezihamba ngogesi, sizosebenza silawulwa ilokho okungenziwa ngaphansi kwemigomo eshicilelwe kuwona umthetho obizwa ngele Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (njengoba usuchibiyelwe).

Isicelo se Application for EA ukuze kwenzekwe lokhu okulandelayo ngaphansi kwe EIA Regulations 2014:

- Government Notice R327 (Listing Notice 1): Activity No. 1, 11, 12, 14, 24, 27, 28
- Government Notice R325 (Listing Notice 2): Activity No. 1, 15
- Government Notice R324 (Listing Notice 3): Activity No. 3, 4, 10, 12, 14.

Isicelo ngaphansi kwe NWA: Sections 21 (a), (b), (c) no (i).

\*Sicela ukuqaphele ukuthi okwenziwayo njengoba kulotshiwe ngasenhla kungenzeka kuguquke ngenkathi isicelo sisafakiwe sika NEMA.

Labo abagunyaziwe nabathintekayo, phecelezi Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") bazokwaziswa kuba khona okuguqukayo.

I EnviroAfrica cc iqokwe ngu Zero Carbon Charge ukwenza lomsebenzi wokufaka isicelo sika NEMA okuhambisana nezemvelo kanye nesicelo sokutholakala kwamanzi.

Mayelana nokuchazwa komsebenzi nalapho uzokwenzelwa khona:

Kuhlongozwa ukuba lesiphehlamandla sikagesi sesimito namaloli ahamba ngogesi ukuba sibe nalapho kuzogcinwa amandla asephelile, indawo lapho izithuthi zizochitha khona ubusuku, la kugcinwa khona amanzi emvula, imigomo yamanzi, indawo yokuphumula, ikhishi, indawo yokuzikhulula izosebenzisa umgodi wokucina indle, isitolo kanye namahhovisi kuhlangukisa nezakhiwo ezihambisana nako konke lokhu khona kulendawo ebizwa ngele Portion 11 kwi Farm Kop Leegte No. 1154, Registration Division GS.

Lesisikhungo sokuphehla amandla kagesi kusuka elangeni, sizoxhuma siphakele izimoto namaloli asebenzisa ugesi ibe sona sisebenzisa ulayini othwala ugesi onamandla abalelwa ku 33 kV. Lesikhungo sizothatha indawo ebalelwa kuma 80ha.

Lesisikhungo esihlongozwayo sisendaweni egabalelwa kumakhilomitha angu 15 usuka e Winterton, KwaZulu-Natal.

Izinkomba zesikhungo (isilinganiso senkaba yaso):

Solar PV facility: 28° 46' 52.168" S, 29° 40' 26.681" E.

Incazelo ngokungahle kwenzekwe:

Ngenxa yobumqoka kwezidingo zokubekeka kwalesisikhungo esiphelile amandla kagesi avuselelekayozimiso namaloli ahamba ngogesi, ayikho enye indawo ekhona engahlongozwa. Kodwa kungaba khona okuhlongozwayo emkhakheni wobucwepheshe be PV noma kuhleleke ngenye indlela nomake kungabi khona sakhiwo nhlolo (the No-Go option) konkeke lokhu kuzocwanginwa uma sekwenziwa uphenyo ngasohlangothini lwezemvelo. Lokhu kuzohlanganisa imibiko yongoti kanti futhi nemibono yemiphakathi.

Imibono Yemiphakathi:

Abe I&APs bayaziswa ngalokhu okuhlongozwayo kanti bayacelwa ukuba babhalise ngokushicilela phansi noma bafake imibono baphakamise namaphuzu, ukukhathazeka nokungaba amathuba aphathelene nalokhu bathumele kulemuniningwane abhalwe ngezansi.

Ukubhalisa noma ukufaka imibono noma ukuphawula, abe I & AP kulindeleke babhale igama lohlelo, (project), igama lomuntu nekheli neminingwane lapho etholakala khona achaze nangendlela afuna kunxhunyanane naye gayo, aveze uma enentshisekelo yokuzuzwa imali nokunye uma efaka isicelo.

Uyacelwa futhi ukuba udlulise lombiko kunoma ubani ongaba nentshisekelo. Sicela nikuqaphele ukuthi ilabo abaregistile ngaphansi kwe I&APs abazokwaziswa ngemibiko ngokwezemvelo nomphumela wakhona.

Ngokuhlonipha umthetho i Protection of Personal Information Act (Act 4 of 2013 – ngokuchibiyelwa kwawo) uma ngaphansi kwe I&APs engathandi ukuba iminingwane yakhe isakazwe njengegenye yemiphumela yaloluhlelo, sicela azise i EnviroAfrica ngokubhala phansi. Ukungabikho kwempendulo emayelana nalokho kosho ukuthi uyavumelana nokukhishwa kusakazwe iminingwane yakhe.

Ubude besikhathi sokuphawula kwemiphakathi ngaphansi kwezixenye kumthetho we NEMA izicelo izinsuku ezingo 30 lokho okusho u 12 June 2023 kanti okumayelana namanzi (NWA 60 days) 12 July 2023.

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Twelve Apostolic Church in Trinity leaders: PM Dladla, SJ Maphanga, SE Hlubi, J Nhlangothi, FL Nxumalo, DJ Madondo and Ezakheni Plaza manager Ms Veena Sanker.

## Centre donates chairs to local church

The Ezakheni Plaza handed over 100 chairs to the Twelve Apostolic Church in Trinity.

The handover was held at the shopping centre on Saturday, where

a number of church leaders and congregation members gathered for this kind gesture.

The spirit of giving had the church members singing and rejoicing.

Speaking on behalf of the church, Mr SJ Maphanga said they are very grateful to the Ezakheni Plaza, as they were very much in need of the chairs.



Coco Kiddies Salon owner Shandwa Shabalala with her staff.

## World-class children's salon opens in town

The Coco Looks brand launched their Coco Kiddies Salon on Saturday.

This is the only salon in town that is strictly dedicated to pampering and catering for the needs of young children.

Coco Kiddies Salon staff opened their doors to the Ladysmith community over the weekend, with

young ones and their mummies having the privilege of enjoying the world-class services provided - from hair-styling to spa treatment and pampering for children of all ages.

The day was filled with laughter as the little ones enjoyed delicious treats, as well as bouncing around on a jumping castle.

"We would firstly like to thank

each and every person who came to the launch. Your love and support truly warms our hearts and does not go unnoticed.

"If you were not able to attend the launch, not to worry. We are open Tuesday to Sunday from 09:00 to 17:00 and we hope to see you soon," said Coco Kiddies Salon owner Shandwa Shabalala.



# Staff health is a top priority at Lenmed La Verna Private Hospital

In a heartening display of commitment to employee well-being, Lenmed La Verna Private Hospital hosted a three-day Wellness Day for its staff this week. The event, held annually, brought together various vendors and healthcare experts to cater for the hospital's most valuable asset, its people. The hospital premises was transformed into a vibrant wellness hub, featuring stalls from leading banks and insurance companies. These partners offered specialised services, providing staff with valuable information and support.

Discovery, a renowned healthcare provider, conducted comprehensive health checks for employees. This proactive approach empowered staff to take charge of their well-being, identifying potential health concerns and receiving personalised guidance. Speaking to the hospital manager, it became clear that staff health is a top priority. "Our team's well-being is paramount," he emphasised. "We recognise that a healthy workforce is essential to deliver exceptional patient care. That's why we invest in this annual Wellness Day."

This three-day initiative demonstrates Lenmed La Verna Private Hospital's dedication to fostering a supportive work environment. By prioritising staff wellness, the hospital ensures that its employees remain energised, motivated and equipped to provide the highest standard of care.



Cllr Abbas Warasally at the abandoned house.

# Animal slaughtered in abandoned house

An abandoned house in Daffodil Crescent has been a cause for concern to residents living in the vicinity.

The residents say that the house is used by vagrants who are committing crime in the area, including break-ins. Cllr Abbas Warasally said that, on Monday afternoon, he received a call from residents in Dianthus Crescent who reported that there was a lot of blood in their driveway. Warasally rushed to the scene, together with Public Safety officials. "Upon arriving, we followed the blood stains, which led us to an abandoned house in Daffodil Crescent.

"We discovered animal bodily waste and lots of blood, which tells us that the animal was slaughtered and skinned in these premises.

"It is hard to tell what animal was slaughtered, since there was no skin or anything else to help identify," said Warasally.

The councillor added that he is worried about this house, since nothing is in it and he believes it is being used for criminal activities.



Major General Makhoba (deputy provincial commissioner), Mayor Inkosi NB Shabalala, Major General Gonya and Brigadier Ngubane.

# uThukela mayor welcomes new police commissioner

uThukela District Municipality Mayor Inkosi NB Shabalala has warmly welcomed the new South African Police Service (SAPS) uThukela district commissioner, Major-General Gonya.

A welcoming event was held at the Mayor's Boardroom (uThukela District offices) on Thursday, where the KZN deputy police commissioner, Major-General Makhoba, led the programme.

The new district police commissioner was warmly welcomed by the district mayor, Exco members, senior management, councillors and officials at uThukela District Municipality.

During the briefing, Major-General Makhoba explained that she felt society needed to know who will be at the helm of uThukela District SAPS after the national office approved changes to re-deploy personnel. Makhoba said the district commissioner will begin his duties from October 1, bringing with him vast experience in the field of policing.

Hailing from the Zululand District, Major-General Gonya was described as a man of action.

Speaking briefly about his new task, the district commissioner said he was happy to be introduced to uThukela District Municipality and hopes they will work well together in the fight against crime.

"I have been working in the police service for over 30 years and that's the only job I know very well. I hope that by working together, we will be able to conquer (crime)," he said.

Gonya added that, "I can't sing praises for myself, but I will let my work do all the talking."

The mayor welcomed the district commissioner's appointment and remarked that when investors think of opportunities in the district, they are hindered by the issue of crime. "In my view, the less the crime, the better the investment opportunities will be for our town. People on our streets need to feel safe. Our town is known as 'kwafela ubala' - translated as 'dying for nothing'. We hope that with our new district commissioner, things will change," expressed the mayor.

Shabalala further added that there must be regular meetings with traditional leadership and other stakeholders so as to intensify the fight against crime.

With this being said and officially taking the reigns of the uThukela District as of the start of October, Major-General Gonya stressed that he is determined to ensure that local police uphold the mandate of the SAPS.

It is hoped that the district commissioner will be going back to basics to improve the stature of the police by ensuring that their members are as professional as possible.

**N3 ELECTRIC HIGHWAY CO. ENVROAFRICA CC**

**NEMA AND NWA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

**UKUHLONGOZIWA KOKWAKHISA KWESIKHUNGO SOKUPHELA AMANDLA KAGESI KANYE NOKUPHELA LAWOM-ANDLA KUMALOLU KU- N3 EDUZE NASE WINTERTON KWAZULU-NATALI.**

Umphakathi uyaziwa ngenjongo yokufakwa kwesicelo okuzi kunyulwele igama ngokwezimvelo kanye nomgudu ozolandelwa ekubambeni igqiza komphakathi ngaphansi komthetho owaziwa ngale National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), njengoba ichithiwele ("NEMA"), Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, Kanye nesicelo sotholelwe ngokuthi i- Water Use Authorisation (WUA) ngokwesigaba esiphakanyiswe sikuzimvelo nokhetho okubizwa ngama - National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998)(NWA). Kanye nokubandakanya komphakathi, izicelo zombili ezehlukile eziphela amandla kagesi esithwe ngokuthi i- photovoltaic (PV) iribhini yokuphelela amandla, electric truck charging facility- kanye nokubandakanywa nako. Lemasenzisi isicelile ngaphansi kweminyingqo esahlwini Iwe- EIA Regulations, 2014 (njengoba kubhalwe) Phakathi kwenzinlelo eziningi zokusebenziswa kwanamzi ezinhlalwe olungaphansi kwesigaba sika - 21 lwe - NWA.

I - EnviroAfrica cc seyiqela i - N3 Electric Highway Co. okuzi isingathe ukufakwa kwesicelo ze - NEMA kwenzelwa i - Environmental Authorisation yendawo ephakanyiswe.

**Izicelo sokunyelwengokwezimvelo okwenza lokha okulandelayo ngaphansi kuka NEMA EIA Regulations 2014:**

Government Notice R327 (Listing Notice 1); Activity No. 1, 11, 12, 19, 24, 27, 28  
 Government Notice R225 (Listing Notice 2); Activity No. 1, 15  
 Government Notice R324 (Listing Notice 3); Activity No. 3, 4, 10, 12, 14

**Izicelo ngaphansi komthetho NWA: Sections 21 (a), (b), (c) and (d).**

"Sicela nazi ukuthi izinto ezisahlwini ngenhla zingahlelwa ekubambeni kwesikhathi sokufaka izicelo. Labo abaziwa ngale Registered Interested and Affected Parties (RiAPs)- okuchazwa labo abagunyazisi ukuba ingonye yalomsenzisi - bazokwaziwa uma kuba khona okugqanyayo.

**Incwadi ngomsenzisi nalapho izokwenzelwa khona:** Kuhlangoziwa ukuba lokukuphelela kwamandla, pholezeli, sizir photovoltaic (PV) plant, kuhlangoziwa nalapho kuphelela khona amandla aphelele ezongena emalini kanye nesikhongo lapho kuzongiswa khona lamandla ( battery energy storage system), indawo yokagcina izithuthu ( overnight parking), lapho zigazwa khona, indawo yokuphumisa enekhishi, indawo yokuzikhubeka, izitho kanye namahhopho, kanye namagazidande elombisa nalo khona ukuba kwikhetho kwizindawo ezinye ngale - Partion 11, Farm Kpa Lesite No. 1154, Registeration Division GS, ezuze ne Winterton, Lesikhungo sokuphelela ngokusebenzisa amandla elanga, sizir PV plant, izobe isihlanganyela nesikhungo sokuphelela amandla kagesi kumaloli okuzobanjwa ngomgudu ozobe nomtho olinganisela ku 33 kwi. Indawo elinganisela ku 80 ha, izobizwa izintshungule.

Lesikhungo esihlongozwayo sisendaweni eceleni kuka N3, phakathi kuka N3 no Winter/Colenso interchange (207), cishe amakhilomitha angu 15 ngasempumalanga ne Winterton, kwisifundso saMajipala uThukela, Kwazulu-Natal.

Lokho okubizwa ngama Site coordinates ukulinganisela inkaba yako: 29°46'52.17" S; 29°40'26.68" E

**Igqiza lomphakathi:** Labo abahlelekelele ukuba yingonye yalekho, ( RiAPs) bayaziwa ngombiko ngenjongo futhi bayamnywa ukuba babhalise (ngokubhalisele phansi) nama bafaka imibono yabo yokugqala badakambise (imiza yabo) nama amathuba angakazi anqamene nomsebenzi ethile noma yonke ukutshintshana yokuzumama engenzi ngombhaka 25 October 2024 noma ngaphambi kwalokho ngaphansi kokusebenza kwesicelo zika NEMA ngaphambi kuka 25 November 2024 uma kunyulwela rokhulangele namanzu (NWA WULA Application). Ukuzi ubhalisele noma ubhalise umbono, labo ababandakanyayo ( RiAPs) kuzomela boshu igama lomsebenzi noma isizindaba, bese bawazela igama nekho neminingwane yabo yokuzumama (bese zizindaba abahlelekelele abagunyazisi ngazo) kanye nokunye okumayelana nokugondeni nebhizinisi, ezimazwi, kanye nokubhekisa noma uqobo, noma okunye abangaba nentshisekelo kokona nase bafaka izicelo. Uyezicela ukuba udlelwe ikholwazi kunoma ubani ombona efanelekelele ukuba azisele nalo khona.

Sicela nazi ukuzi yilabo ababandakanyayo kuphela ( Registered ( RiAPs) abazokwaziwa ngemthetho nezicelo ezibhalisele kuzifaka noma ezizozafakwa kuMyango (Department) yilowo zobhe efaka isicelo futhi ongenya lokuphawula kumbiko sise calo ozokwaziwa ngemithetha yezicelo, izithuthu zocingo, namakhetho ukucela ukuphinda ubhalisele esizinyweni ezizobe abathathu zobhe ezaziwa ngenhlabo yalowo ofuna ukuphinda ubhalisele. Banokuthi kugqale futhi, kuzobhalisa isikhathi esingakani ukucela ngenhlabo yokuzumama ngokwemthetho ngokwemthetho sokuphelelekelele.

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# IEC spring fair a huge success

The Islamic Educational Centre held its annual Spring Fair last Sunday. It was a day filled with delicious eats, exciting activities and great company.

The event boasted an array of mouthwatering food stalls that offered everything from sweet treats to savoury delights.

A jumping castle and petting zoo kept the children entertained for hours as squeals of delight and hearty laughter filled the air. In addition to the food and fun activities, various stalls showcased local goods and services, providing a wonderful opportunity for our community to support small businesses and artisans.

The Spring Food Fair was a success, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the school's organisers, volunteers and participants.

"We're already looking forward to the next one! On behalf of the Shura, administrator, management and staff, we would like to thank the community at large for their support."





A police van was damaged when wet weather caused the driver to lose control in Oswald Rapson Road on Monday morning.

## Two injured in crash at intersection

A collision occurred at the intersection of Willow Drive and Protea Drive on Friday, leaving two people injured.

Emergency services rushed to the scene, swiftly transporting the victims to hospital for urgent medical attention.

Details of the accident are sketchy and authorities have yet to determine the exact cause.

Investigations are currently underway to piece together the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Witnesses were shaken by the severity of the accident, which left the community in shock.



### N3 ELECTRIC HIGHWAY CO. ENVIROAFRICA CC NEMA AND NWA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

#### THE PROPOSED KOPEEGTE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION PLANT AND ELECTRIC TRUCK CHARGING FACILITY, N3, NEAR WINTERTON, KWAZULU-NATAL

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Government Notice R324 (Listing Notice 3): Activity No. 4, 12, 14

#### Application for Water Use Authorisation to undertake the following water use activities\* in terms of NWA: Section 21: (a), (b), (c) and (d):

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**Project Description & Location:** It is proposed that a solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation plant, electric vehicle and truck charging facility, energy storage battery units, overnight parking, stormwater pond, water tanks, lounge area with a kitchen, ablution facilities with a septic tank, shop, offices including associated infrastructure be developed on Portion 11 of the Farm Kop Leegte No. 1154 GS. The solar PV plant will be connected to the electric vehicle and truck charging facility via a distribution line with a capacity of approximately 33 kV. An area of approximately 80 ha will be considered and assessed.

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## Visit the Soofie Mosque

The Ladysmith Mosque & Madressa Trust will be taking part in the National Mosque Open Day on September 28 at the Habibiya Masjid Hall from 14:30 until 17:00. The purpose of the National Open Mosque Day is to create community bonds, dispel misconceptions and share commonalities in the spirit of openness. People are encouraged to visit the mosque for a day of friendship and inclusiveness. Special group tours can be arranged and light refreshments will be served. To RSVP or for general information, call 084 786 1288.

# Top cop nails her man

Newly-appointed Detective Constable Nomvuyo Buhlebethu P Mazibuko of the Ladysmith FCS Specialised Unit within the SAPS has secured her first life sentence.

This comes after the Ezakheni Regional Court sentenced a 26-year-old man to a term of life imprisonment for the rape of a 16-year-old girl in December 2023.

Mazibuko has seven years' experience in the South African Police Service (SAPS), with 11 months' experience as an investigator in the FCS Unit.

The skills she acquired while completing her studies helped her to investigate the December 2023 rape that happened in Ezakheni.

On the night of the incident, the complainant visited her friend, who is the accused's stepsister. While they were watching movies, the accused (who lived somewhere else) visited there as well. The girls slept in one room, while the accused was given another room to sleep in. At some stage, the electricity went off and the complainant needed the bathroom.

The accused lent her his cellphone, with the flashlight on, and told her to return the phone to him in his room. When the complainant went to return the phone, the accused grabbed her and raped her. He told her not to tell anyone what he had done.

At that point, the electricity came back on and the complainant immediately told her friend what had happened.

They stayed awake for the rest of the night, out of fear that the accused may come to hurt them.

In the morning, the two left the house and informed the complainant's mother about the incident. A case was opened and the complainant was taken to a clinic for medical assistance. The accused was arrested a few days later.

A case docket was opened for investigation and was assigned to Detective Constable Mazibuko. During her investigation, she found out that the suspect in question was a serial offender within the Ezakheni jurisdiction and had over 10 cases to his name, including murder and assault GBH. He was well known in his neighbourhood as a troublesome gang member. It also came to Mazibuko's attention that the victim was very afraid of the suspect, as he continuously made serious threats against her and her family. The incident took a serious toll on the victim, affecting her mentally and psychologically; Detective Constable Mazibuko used her skills and expertise to support the victim throughout the investigation. The victim was a good witness who gave excellent testimony against her perpetrator.

In the state's case, Prosecutor Cwayita Ngcongco led the evidence of the complainant and her friend. The doctor who examined the complainant at the clinic was also called to testify.

Furthermore, Ngcongco handed in a Victim Impact Statement compiled by the complainant and facilitated by Court Preparation Officer, Khulekani Professor Mthembu.

In her statement, the complainant said she was traumatised by the incident and she is now afraid of men. She feels ashamed and feels like an outcast in society.

The accused was sentenced and declared



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unfit to possess a firearm.

In addition, the court found him unfit to work with children and ordered that his name be listed in the National Register for Sex Offenders.

The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) welcomes the successful finalisation of this matter.

The victim, her family and the community of Ezakheni have since expressed their appreciation to the SAPS team and NPA.

Detective Constable Mazibuko began her career in the SAPS as an intern in Employee Health & Wellness and was later appointed as a personnel officer at HRU Career Management.

In 2022, she transferred to direct policing, becoming a police officer.

Last year, she completed her detective courses.

She also holds an Honours degree in Psychology and a Bachelor of Social Sciences, where her Majors were Psychology and Criminology. She is currently enrolled for a Post Graduate Diploma in Forensic Investigation & Criminal Justice NQF 8.

## The fight against crime gets a major boost

Crime-fighting efforts got a major boost in Ladysmith and surrounding areas last week. A high-density operation swept through Ladysmith, Wembezi, Besters, Weenen and Bergville, targeting crime hot-spots and yielding impressive results.

Officers conducted thorough compliance inspections at liquor outlets, stop-and-search operations and high-visibility patrols.

The crackdown led to

arrests for serious offences including rape, unlicensed liquor sales, possession of dangerous weapons, assault, drunk driving, and illegal firearm and drug possession. The operation also focused on road safety, issuing fines to drivers violating the National Road Traffic Act. Moreover, a significant number of undocumented individuals were taken into custody.

The successful operation resulted in the recovery

of substantial evidence including cash, firearms, ammunition, liquor and drugs. This comprehensive approach demonstrates the authorities' commitment to ensuring public safety and addressing crime concerns in these communities. By conducting such operations, law enforcement aims to create safer environments for residents and visitors alike, while also addressing underlying social issues that contribute to crime.

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Umphakathi uyaziswa ngenjongo yokufakwa kwesicelo ukuze kuvunyelwe igunya ngokwezemvelo kanye nomgudu ozolandelwa ekubambeni iqhaza komphakathi ngaphansi komthetho owaziwa ngele National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), njengoba ichitshiyelwe ("NEMA"), Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, kanye nesicelo sohlelo olwethiwe ngokuthi i- Water Use Authorisation (WUA) ngokwesigaba esiphakanyisiwe sikazwelonke nohlelo olubizwa nge – National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998)(NWA), kanye nokuzibandakanya komphakathi. Izicelo zombili ezesikhungo esiphehla amandla kagesi esethiwe ngokuthi i- photovoltaic (PV) imishini yokuphehla amandla, electric truck charging facility- kanye nokubandakanywa nako. Lemisebenzi ishicilelwe ngaphansi kweminingi esohlwini lwe- EIA Regulations, 2014 (njengoba kubhaliwe) Phakathi kwezinhlelo eziningi zokusetshenziswa kwamanzi ezinohla olungaphansi kwesigaba sika – 21 lwe – NWA.

**Isicelo sokuvunyelwangokwezemvelo okwenza lokhu okulandelayo\* ngaphansi kuka NEMA EIA Regulations 2014:**

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**Isicelo ngaphansi komthetho NWA: Sections 21 (a), (b), (c) and (i)\***

Sicela nazi ukuthi izinto ezisohlwini ngenhla zingashintsha ekuhambeni kwesikhathi sokufaka izicelo.

Labo ababizwa ngele Registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)- okuchaza labo abagunyaziwe ukuba ingxenye yalomsebenzi- bazokwaziswa uma kuba khona okuguqakayo.

**Incazelo ngomsebenzi nalapho uzokwenzelwa khona:** Kuhlangozwa ukuba lokukuphehlwa kwamandla, phecelezi, solar photovoltaic (PV) plant, kuhlangukiswa nalapho kuphakelwa khona amandla aphehlwe ezongena emalolini kanye nesikhungo lapho kuzogcinwa khona lamandla (battery energy storage system), indawo yokucina izithuthi ( overnight parking), lapho zigezwa khona, undawo yokuphumula enekhishi, indawo yokuzikhulula, isitolo kanye namahhovisi, kanye nenqalazizinda ehambisana nalokhu ukuba kwakhiwe kwindawo ebizwa ngele Portion 11, Farm Kop Leegte No. 1154, Registration Division GS, eduze ne Winterton. Lesisikhungo sokuphehla ngokusebenzisa amandla elanga, solar PV plant, izobe isihlanganiswa nesikhungo sokuphakela amandla kagesi kumaloli okuzohanjiswa ngomgudu ozoba nomthamo olinganiselwa ku 33 kV. Indawo elinganiselwa ku 80 ha, izohlonzwa icutshungulwe.

Lesisikhungo esihlongozwayo sisendaweni eceleni kuka N3, phakathi kuka N3 no Winter/Colenso interchange (207), cishe amakhilomitha angu 15 ngasempumalanga ne Winterton, in the uThukela District Municipality, KwaZulu Natal.

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Sicela nazi ukuzi yilabo ababandakanyekayo kuphela ( Registered I&APs) abazokwaziswa ngemibiko nezicelo ezibhaliwe zafakwa noma ezisazofakwa kuMnyango (Department) yilowo ozobe efake isicelo futhi onegunya lokuphawula kumibiko nezi celo ozokwaziswa ngemiphumela yezicelo, izizathu zezinqumo, nanokuthi ukucela ukuphinda ulalelwe esinqunyweni esizobe sithathiwe uzobe esaziswa ngenhloso yalowo ofuna ukuphinda elalelwe, nanokuthi ikuphi futhi, kuzothatha isikhathi esingakanani ukuvuleka ngenhloso yokucuntshungulwa kwesicelo sokuphinde ulalelwe.

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