

**AfriSam and CECD partnership enhances Jenny's Daycare for Chatsworth children**

*27 September 2012* - Leading black-controlled construction materials group AfriSam, in partnership with the Centre for Early Childhood Development (CECD) in Cape Town, have upgraded a learning facility for thirty-eight children at Jenny's Daycare in Chatsworth, Swartland Municipality.

The building was handed over to the community this morning. The project entailed the construction of the Daycare centre, the facilitation of skills development training and on-site support to teachers and the governing body members, as well as the provision of education equipment and furniture.

The building consists of two classrooms, an office/infirmary, a kitchen and ablution facilities. A safe outdoor play area is also provided for the children.

"We are pleased to be part of this empowering initiative and are happy to be able to make a difference in young lives through the improvement of their learning conditions," says Ashley Adams, General Manager, AfriSam South Africa.

"This is one of a number of community involvement projects which we are engaged in within the Western Cape province, in an effort to be active participants in communities residing in areas within which we conduct our business operations."

The skills development training was provided by CECD, whose role in the project involved managing the building process and providing all the training and on-site support to Jenny's Daycare Centre and nineteen other ECD Centres in the Swartland District.

"The training we provide consists of topic-specific workshops which we conduct throughout the year. We also provide governing body training and on-site support where the teachers are mentored and coached, as well as training in the use of educational equipment such as computers and other learning aids," says Rukea Shaik, Operations Manager for CECD.

AfriSam will spend approximately R2 million on the project, over a period of two years.

### **Note to editors:**

AfriSam has an intensive CSR programme with a focus on education and conservation. The company is involved in various educational projects nationwide, with the objective of empowering and equipping communities with the knowledge and skills, as well as providing them with the tools and facilities to become self-reliant and sustainable.

The company's overall **Community Involvement mission** is to understand the needs of society and communities in areas where it does business to make meaningful and sustainable contributions to their upliftment.

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