

AfriSam unveils new ablution facilities at Metoloaneng Primary School

Wednesday, 6 March 2013 - Leading black-controlled construction materials group, AfriSam, has handed over newly-built ablution facilities to the pupils and teachers of Metoloaneng Primary School. This follows years of the school's operating without such facilities.

The completion of this project was celebrated at a function held at the school in Mphaki today, attended by dignitaries from AfriSam, the Department of Education, villagers as well as teachers and learners from the school.

"This initiative is in line with our Corporate Social Responsibility mission to understand the needs of society and communities in areas where we do business in order to make meaningful and sustainable contributions to their upliftment," says Thato Tsuene, Country Manager, AfriSam Lesotho.

Construction of the facilities commenced in early 2012, following an identification of the requirement by AfriSam. The facilities comprise three toilets, with a total of 14 seats.

The company's relationship with the school goes back a number of years.

"In 2010 we constructed three classrooms for learners, following a request from the school. At the time the school used make-shift tents as shelter for classes. In 2007 the tents were blown over by ferocious winds and pupils had to study in the open from then onwards, making it very difficult for them under the changing weather conditions," says Tsuene.

The lack of proper facilities at the time resulted in a gradual decline in the number of scholars.

Past contributions from AfriSam include building a perimeter fence around the school as well as the provision of school shoes for the learners.

"We hope that these facility improvements will serve as motivation for more learners to enrol at the school and get educated, with the vision of a better future for themselves and their people," concludes Tsuene.

Note to editor:

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.

ABOUT AFRISAM (PTY) LTD

Black-controlled AfriSam is one of the most widely spread Cement, Aggregate and Readymix groups in the southern African region, with operations in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Tanzania. The company is a proud Level 2 Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) contributor and has a 62.5 percent interest in Tanzania-based and listed Tanga Cement Company Limited. Founded in 1934, AfriSam employs more than 2 000 staff members and has an annual cement production capacity of 5.8 million tons, produced from seven production facilities and distributed to customers through strategically-located cement depots.

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ABOUT METOLOANENG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Metoloaneng Primary School was established in February 1970 at Tsekong in Mphaki. The school was started with 15 pupils and one teacher in a house. In 1972 the number of pupils rose to 104 and it relocated to the local Anglican church. By 1985 enrolment had increased to 300 and the number of teachers increased to four. The school moved from the church to the present site in 2005.