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An unexpected
visitor – a
large snake
spotted high up
in a tree near
the offices at
Vlakpoort Mine.

New office pet?



Thabazimbi – On Thursday 27 March 2025, a large snake caused quite a stir when it was discovered coiled up in a tree near the office buildings at Vlakpoort Mine, just outside Thabazimbi. Emergency teams from Thaba Fire and Rescue and Wildmed Emergency Services responded swiftly to help remove and safely release the reptile back into nature. Although some believed the snake to be a Mozambique Spitting Cobra, others suspected it might have been a python – possibly the Southern African Python. What is clear, however, is that the snake meant no harm and was likely just seeking shelter or a safe spot to rest. Both species are known to climb trees, especially in search of prey or to avoid predators. While encounters like these can be startling, snakes play an essential role in controlling pests and maintaining ecological balance. Still, it's important to put safety first – never attempt to remove a snake yourself.

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Venue: NG Kerk – Kerksaal
Date: Wednesday, 09 April 2025
Time: 14:00 18:00

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENCE IN TERMS OF SECTION 28(1)(C) | Limpopo Liquor Act, 2009 (Act No. 5 of 2009) Regulation 8

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention to lodge the above-mentioned application, particulars of which appear hereunder, with the magistrate of the Waterberg District, Waterberg Local Liquor Authority. In terms of section 28(2) (b) of the Act, you may lodge an objection to the application. The objection form is obtainable from the above mentioned Local Liquor Authority. Objections must be submitted to the aforesaid Local Liquor Authority within 21 days from the date of lodgement of the application.

- Full names the applicant: LA AFRICAN LIFESTYLE SHISANYAMA (PTY) LTD
- Enterprise number: 2022/321847/07
- Intended trading name: LA AFRICAN LIFESTYLE SHISANYAMA (PTY) LTD
- Full address and location of the premises: PORTION 40 (PORTION OF PORTION 2) OF THE FARM DE PUT NR 412 REGISTRATION DIVISION KQ NORTHAM LIMPOPO PROVINCE
- Type of licence applied for: PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION

Date submitted: 14 March 2025 | For Publication in the Government Gazette on: 04 April 2025



PPP INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES
PPP INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE OPERATION OF RESTAURANTS IN THE FOLLOWING NATIONAL PARKS: ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, KAROO NATIONAL PARK, MOUNTAIN ZEBRA NATIONAL PARK AND TSITSIKAMMA SECTION OF THE GARDEN ROUTE NATIONAL PARKS AS WELL AS A LODGE IN THE MARAKELE NATIONAL PARK

South African National Parks (SANParks) intends to form different Public Private Partnerships (PPP's) in which it gives selected private parties the rights to establish the following:

Bid Package 1: Right to operate the restaurant in Addo Elephant National Park (AENP).

Bid Package 2: Right to operate the retail in the Addo Elephant National Park.

Bid Package 3: Right to operate the restaurant in the Berg en Dal camp in the Kruger National Park (KNP).

Bid Package 4: Right to operate the restaurant in the Pretoriuskop camp in the Kruger National Park.

Bid Package 5: Right to operate the restaurant in the Lower Sabie camp in the Kruger National Park.

Bid Package 6: Right to operate the restaurant and take away in the Skukuza camp in the Kruger National Park.

Bid Package 9: Right to operate the restaurant in Tsitsikamma section (Storms River Mouth) of the Garden Route National Park.

Bid Package 10: Right to operate the retail shop in Tsitsikamma section (Storms River Mouth) of the Garden Route National Park.

Bid Package 11: Right to refurbish, build, operate and maintain a lodge in the Marakele National Park.

Bid Package 12: Right to operate the restaurant and retail shop in the Karoo and Mountain Zebra National Park (separate submissions will also be accepted and be clarified during the tender process).

SANParks invites private parties who are experts in the respective fields to submit detailed bids in line with SANParks' mandate and objectives for these PPP opportunities. Interested parties will be expected to meet certain criteria in order to qualify.

SANParks will enter into the PPP agreement with the preferred bidder for a period likely to provide a fair return on investment for the private party. In return, the private party will meet agreed operating, development, refurbishment, broad-based black economic empowerment (BBBEE) and environmental obligations and pay a PPP fee to SANParks.

All parties interested in participating in the process will be required to register their contact details with the SANParks Project Officer. This will allow SANParks to communicate with the bidders and provide up to date status and feedback. In addition, and to inform parties on the viability of the opportunities, a site visit and a bidder's conference will be arranged as part of the tender process.

Details on the above will be outlined in the tender documents that will be published on the SANParks Website. In light of that, interested parties are expected to obtain the **Request for Proposal (RFP)** and **PPP Agreement** documents for the opportunities, setting out further details of the criteria and process to be followed, from the SANParks website under the About Us Section and more specifically under the Tenders and PPP sections: <http://www.sanparks.org>. Alternatively, where not published yet, information can be obtained by contacting the following SANParks representative: James Daniels, Telephone: 083 679 0472 and E-mail: james.daniels@sanparks.org. Interested bidders will be required to submit detailed bids clearly marked for the respective opportunities (and containing specific financial, functional and BEE proposals), only in the format given in the RFP documents, to SANParks' physical address, on the date as stipulated in the RFP document.

In keeping with SANParks' objectives, attention will be given to Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment and in particular, adherence to the Tourism BBBEE Scorecard. The regulatory provisions for tourism PPPs can be found on www.ppp.gov.za.

Marakele Matters



Community voices heard during public sessions on 10-year management plan.

Thabazimbi – Marakele National Park is revising its 10-year management plan (2026–2035), and SANParks is making sure the surrounding communities have a say in its future.

As part of this legally required process under the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, SANParks hosted two public engagement sessions — first in Vaalwater on 18 March 2025, then in Thabazimbi on 19 March. The Vaalwater session saw an enthusiastic turnout from local youth, with lively discussions

on job opportunities, the role of public-private partnerships, and expanding the Park's buffer zone to Bela-Bela.

In Thabazimbi, a smaller but focused group of stakeholders took part, raising important issues around skills development, community empowerment, and road maintenance to improve park accessibility.

The draft plan can still be viewed at www.sanparks.org/conservation/park_man/draft_plans_public_comment.php or at:

- Dutch Reformed Church, 387 Strydom St, Vaalwater
- Vaalwater Police Station, 227 Sandrift Rd
- Thabazimbi Community Library (next to SASSA), Regorogile
- Thabazimbi Public Library, 14 4th Avenue
- Lovelife Youth Center, 118 Shai Drive, Regorogile

Deadline for comments: 11 April 2025
This is your park. Help shape its future.

NOTIFICATION OF LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS TO THE THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN TERMS OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT 16 OF 2013) AS READ WITH SECTION 16(1) OF THE THABAZIMBI LAND USE MANAGEMENT BYLAW, 2015

I, Mari Joubert trading as Urban Edge Town Planners, being the authorized agent of the registered owners of the below mentioned properties hereby give notice in terms of Section 16(1)(e) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-law, 2015 read with the Thabazimbi Land Use Scheme, 2014, that application have been made to the Thabazimbi Local Municipality in terms of:

- Section 16(12)(a)(iii) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-law, 2015 read together with the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 for the subdivision of the Remainder of Portion 2 of the farm Rietfontein 497-KQ into two portions. The subject property is located within the jurisdiction of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) approximately 38 km south of Thabazimbi town, along the R511 towards Brits;
- Section 16(12)(a)(iii) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-law, 2015 read together with the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 for the proposed Subdivision of Portion 3 of the farm Haakdoorn drift 373-KQ into two portions. The subject properties are located within the jurisdiction of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality approximately 15 km south of Thabazimbi along the Setaria/Koedoeskop road at the following GPS Coordinates: 24°41'51.8"S 27°24'06.8"E
- Section 16(12)(a)(iii) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-law, 2015 read together with the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 for the proposed Subdivision of the farm Geelhaak 684KQ; the Remainder of Portion 1 of the farm Grootkuil 376KQ and the Remainder of Portion 7 of the farm Haakdoorn drift 374KQ each into two portions and the subsequent consolidation of one of each of the proposed portions to create a proposed consolidated portion. The subject properties are located within the jurisdiction of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality approximately 45 km south west of Thabazimbi and 23 km south east of Thabazimbi along the R511 road at the following GPS Coordinates: 24°43'45.8"S 27°26'06.0"E

Particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the office of the Municipal Manager, Thabazimbi Municipality, 7 Rietbok Street, Thabazimbi for a period of 30 days from the first placement of this notice. Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made in writing to the Municipal Manager, Thabazimbi Municipality, at the above-mentioned address or at Private Bag X530, Thabazimbi, 0380 within a period of 30 days from the first placement of this notice.

Dates of publication: 28/03/2025 & 04/04/2025

DETAILS OF AGENT: URBAN EDGE TOWN PLANNERS, TEL: 065 735 2031

KENNISGEWING VAN GRONDONTWIKKELINGSAANSOEKE AAN DIE THABAZIMBI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT IN TERME VAN DIE WET OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING EN GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR, 2013 (WET 16 VAN 2013) GELEES MET ARTIKEL 16(1) EN VAN DIE THABAZIMBI GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR BYWET, 2015

Ek, Mari Joubert, handeldrywend as Urban Edge Stadsbeplanners, synde die gemagtigde agent van die geregistreerde eienaars van ondergemelde eiendomme gee hiermee kennis in gevolge Artikel 16(1)(e) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur Bywet, 2015 gelees met die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikskema, 2014, dat aansoek geloots is by die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in gevolge:

- Artikel 16(12)(a)(iii) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur Bywet, 2015 gelees met die Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruik Bestuurswet, 2013 vir die onderverdeling van die Restant van Gedeelte 2 van die plaas Rietfontein 497-KQ in twee gedeeltes. Die eiendom is geleë binne die jurisdiksie van die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit (TLM) ongeveer 38 km suid van Thabazimbi, langs die R511 Brits/Thabazimbi pad.
- Artikel 16(12)(a)(iii) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur Bywet, 2015 gelees met die Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruik Bestuurswet, 2013 vir die onderverdeling van Gedeelte 3 van die plaas Haakdoorn drift 373KQ in twee gedeeltes. Die eiendom is geleë binne die jurisdiksie van die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit (TLM) ongeveer 15km suid van Thabazimbi langs die Setaria/Koedoeskop pad by die volgende GPS Koördinate: 24°41'51.8"S 27°24'06.8"E
- Artikel 16(12)(a)(iii) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur Bywet, 2015 gelees met die Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruik Bestuurswet, 2013 vir die onderverdeling van die plaas Geelhaak 684KQ; Restant van Gedeelte 1 van die plaas Grootkuil 376KQ en die Restant van Gedeelte 7 van die plaas Haakdoorn drift 374KQ in 2 gedeeltes elk en die konsolidasie van drie van die voorgestelde gedeeltes. Die eiendom is geleë binne die jurisdiksie van die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit (TLM) ongeveer 23 km suidoos van Thabazimbi, langs die R511 by die volgende GPS Koördinate: 24°43'45.8"S 27°26'06.0"E

Besonderhede van die aansoek lê ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die kantoor van die Munisipale Bestuurder, Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit, Rietbokstraat 7, Thabazimbi vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf die eerste plaasing van hierdie kennisgewing. Besware teen of veroot teen opsigte van die aansoek moet skriftelik by die Munisipale Bestuurder, Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit, by bovermelde adres ingedien of gerig word, of by Privatsak X530, Thabazimbi, 0380 binne 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf die eerste plaasing van hierdie kennisgewing.

Datums van publikasie: 28/03/2025 & 04/04/2025

BESONDERHEDE VAN AGENT: URBAN EDGE TOWN PLANNERS, TEL: 065 735 2031

NOTICE FOR ADVERT

Notice of Environmental Authorization application, on behalf of HIBONAMIX (PTY) LTD Notice is hereby given in terms of EIA Regulation 41 (2) (c) of the regulations, under the Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no. 107 of 1998). This is also a notice of acceptance for the application of a Prospecting right in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resource Development Act 28 of 2002 (MPRDA) **HIBONAMIX (PTY) LTD** applied for a Prospecting right, to prospect for **COAL** in terms of the section 27 of the MPRDA, the application covers **FARM WERKENDAM 474 LQ | REFERENCE NUMBER: LP 30/5/11/2/15989 PR | Located in the Magisterial District of Lephalale** | You can be involved in the public participation process by sending an email with your name and contact details, stating your concerns/questions relating to the Prospecting Project. You can also provide us with the names of additional people that can be contacted. All correspondence which is received within 30 days from the day of notice will be submitted to (DMRE). All issues raised within the public participation process will be responded to in writing by the interested and affected parties. This includes all parties who will be affected by the project and interested in the Prospecting Project. All correspondence may be directed to Yadah Consulting (Pty) Ltd (Ms. T.J Magagula) Yadah.consult@gmail.com (073 875 0228 / 013 001 2901)

Notice Date: 4 April 2025



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Skilled responders used high-angle techniques to reach the injured at the foot of the cliff. Life-saving teamwork in action!

Angels on the Mountain: brave rescue saves two at Tafelkoppe

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Thabazimbi/ Lephalale – In the early hours of Saturday, 29 March 2025, the quiet darkness of the Tafelkoppe mountains was pierced by the coordinated efforts of a brave rescue team working against the clock to save lives.

At 00:07, the Matlabas Control Centre received an urgent call from a Lephalale police officer already at the scene: two local community members were missing on the rugged slopes of the Tafelkoppe. Contact had been made with one of the individuals stranded. However, the second person remained unaccounted for — sparking immediate concern and action.

Matlabas Control Centre swiftly activated several of its area coordinators, who wasted no time responding to the scene. This operation came just three weeks after a similarly tense incident in the same area, where a previous search turned into a tragic recovery after a hiking accident on 9 March.

This time, however, the outcome was different — and heroic. The two missing individuals were eventually located at the base of a steep cliff. One had sustained critical injuries. Emergency responders immediately administered medical aid and called in further



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backup. Key role players were summoned to the site, including:

- High-angle rescue teams from Mogalakwena and Bela-Bela,
- Provincial EMS,
- Additional members of the Lephalale SAPS,
- Matlabas Farm Watch coordinators and Proto Team members.

Due to the nature of the terrain and the severity of injuries, high-angle rope rescue techniques had to be employed to safely retrieve the critically injured person. The patient was then rushed to a hospital in Lephalale for urgent treatment.

Thanks to the tireless teamwork between the Matlabas Control Centre, local coordinators and responders, firefighters, SAPS, and EMS personnel, the rescue was a success — and two lives were saved. The management of Matlabas Custodians expressed their deep gratitude to every individual involved in the operation:

“Your dedication to the community and the sacrifices you make to save others are deeply appreciated. You are the unsung heroes of our region.”

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The Peril of Adultery

5 My son, pay attention to my wisdom;
Lend your ear to my understanding,
2 That you may preserve discretion,
And your lips may keep knowledge.
3 For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey,
And her mouth is smoother than oil;
4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood,
Sharp as a two-edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death,
Her steps lay hold of hell.
6 Lest you ponder

her path of life—
Her ways are unstable;
You do not know *them*.
7 Therefore hear me now, my children,
And do not depart from the words of my mouth.
8 Remove your way far from her,
And do not go near the door of her house,
9 Lest you give your honor to others,
And your years to the cruel one;
10 Lest aliens be filled with your wealth,
And your labors go to the house of a foreigner;

11 And you mourn at last,
When your flesh and your body are consumed,
12 And say:
“How I have hated instruction,
And my heart despised correction!
13 I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers,
Nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me!
14 I was on the verge of total ruin,
In the midst of the assembly and congregation.”



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HAVE YOUR SAY

Have you helped someone on the side of the road in the past year?

From flat tyres to jump-starts, roadside kindness can be lifesaving. In a country where crime is a real concern, yet the spirit of ubuntu runs deep, stopping to help a stranger isn't always an easy choice. Did you take that chance this past year?



“No – It's too risky these days. With so many reports of roadside robberies, I'd rather not take the chance.”

Tlou Komapa



I helped an elderly lady fix her wiper in the rain near Brits, and later helped a tourist family from Australia with a flat tyre on their way to Pilanesberg. As a Voortrekker, I believe in helping those in need.

Danie Naudé

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Have you helped someone on the side of the road in the past year?

NO **43%** YES **57%**

POLL

Would you trust a stranger to return your lost phone?

Phones hold personal data and are costly to replace. Some people believe in the kindness of strangers — others, not so much. What would *you* expect if you lost yours in public? Here's how you can participate. Email us at news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or WhatsApp your response to 081 579 7000.

Include the following:

- **Your answer:** Yes or No
- **Why?** We want to hear from you!
- **A recent photo** – We'd love to publish your pic alongside your answer!
- **Your town/city**
- **Deadline** – Be sure to send your response before 12:00 on Monday, 7 April 2025.

Vote results: The outcome of the poll will be featured in our next issue. Be a part of our community's story!

P.S.: Don't forget, you can also voice your opinion on our Facebook post about this topic. Join the conversation!

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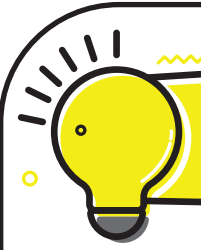
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Sip & Paint Book your seat for an art class with entertainment and a glass of wine 12h00 till late R350 per person includes a glass of wine, art, food and entertainment	Sunday, 06 April 2025	Moeding the boldest lifestyle, 1890 Kagiso Street Regorogile ext 2	066-109-9868
Grass & Wildland Fire Fighting Course Learn the skill to fight a fire, before the dry winter season arrive R1650 per person Lunch and Drinks included	Monday, 07 April 2025	Thabazimbi - Location to be confirmed	083-698-3401
SANBS Blood Drive Donate Blood Saves Lives 14h00 – 18h00	Wednesday, 9 April 2025	NG Kerk Kerksaal 10de laan Thabazimbi	



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Did you know?

In the 1500s, people got married in *June* because they took their 'yearly bath' in May... so by June, they were still *kinda* fresh. But just in case, brides carried bouquets of strong-smelling herbs and flowers to cover any, uh... lingering aromas. So romantic, right?



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