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Impala Platinum and North West Provincial Government officially open Rustenburg schools

Rustenburg, 13 April 2018: Implats' Rustenburg operations, Impala Platinum, in partnership with the North West Department of Education and Sports Development and the Impala Bafokeng Trust (IBT) officially opened three schools at a celebratory event in Rustenburg today.

At the official opening event, Mark Munroe, Chief Executive of Impala Platinum, said: "Given the challenging social context of our country, we are firmly committed to investing in sustainable development initiatives in the communities that are home to our employees and their families. Our investment in housing and educational projects demonstrates our commitment to developing viable communities that can live close to work but also have access to high-quality facilities such as schools and health centres. We believe that learning is the foundation for a successful future and, as such, ensuring that the children in these communities receive quality education is a critical component of our social and labour plan. Importantly, this is also in line with Government's vision for integrated human settlements."

Construction of the R130-million Platinum Village Combined Primary and Secondary Schools was completed in 2016 and it opened its doors to the community in 2017. The school has the capacity to accommodate 1 700 learners and is equipped with 47 classrooms, a shared school hall, computer rooms, libraries, administration blocks, sports amenities and ablution facilities.

The school forms an integral part of Impala Platinum's Platinum Village Home Ownership Scheme, a flagship project valued at R1.3 billion and incorporating 2 420 homes and other amenities. A total of 857 housing units from phase one and two have been sold. The civil work, comprising road and infrastructure development, for phases three and four is in progress and will be completed in December 2018.

The Sunrise View Primary and Secondary Schools were also built in partnership with the IBT and the North West Department of Education and Sports Development, with Impala Platinum contributing 50% of the R86 million cost for the construction of both schools. The primary school opened its doors to learning in 2013 and the secondary school in 2014. The schools include state-of-the-art classrooms equipped with interactive boards and Wi-Fi access, a school hall, a computer room, a library, an administration block, as well as sports and ablution facilities, and together they accommodate 1 800 learners from Grade R to Grade 12. The first class to complete Grade 12 at the secondary school at the end of 2017 achieved a 95.6% pass rate.

The Sunrise View schools also form part of Impala Platinum's Sunrise View Home Ownership Project in Boitekong, Rustenburg, where 1 717 houses were built and sold to Impala Platinum employees.

Impala Platinum's investment in the accommodation and living conditions of employees is one pillar of the mining operation's efforts to ensure the wellbeing of employees, their families and local communities. Its social investment strategy complements this by providing schools, clinics and other amenities. Social programmes are identified in collaboration with local stakeholders and seek to address identified community needs by focusing on infrastructure, health, education, community employment, and empowerment initiatives.

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