

Tribune bids Adele farewell

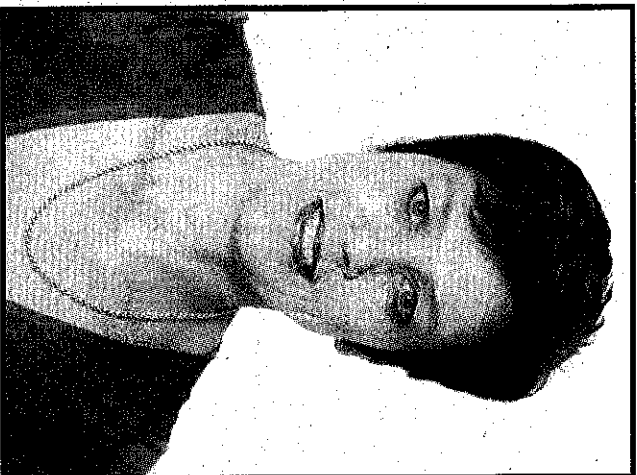
Adele Smit joined the *Tribune* in April 2008 as a junior journalist and in a short period of time, proved herself by working her way up to sub-editor.

Not only did Adele make her mark at the *Tribune* with the care and dedication she demonstrated, but also in the community of Ermelo and surrounding area. Marius Scholtz, owner and editor of the *Tribune*, describes Adele as hardworking and loyal, and she was greatly loved by her co-workers, the community and everyone who she came into contact with.

Monday 4 February 2013 was Adele's last working day at the *Tribune*, and it is with a heavy heart that we bid her farewell. Marius and the *Tribune* personell would like to take this opportunity to wish her well with all her future endeavors.

'I would like to thank the community of Ermelo for opening their hearts and sharing their good times and bad times with me. It was a privilege to work with the community of Ermelo and for the *Tribune*,' Adele concluded.

Photo right:
Adele Smit left the Tribune on Monday, 4 January.



Perdespring weer 'n hoogtepunt by die Landboufees

Die Perdespring-kompetisies gaan vanjaar weer 'n hoogtepunt by die Hoëveld Landboufees wees. Die Perdespring sal vanjaar op Saterdag, 9 Maart om 08:00 begin.

Talle ruiters sal weer vanjaar die geleentheid bywoon om 'n kans te staan om die prysgeld in die Kragssprong (Power Jump) afdeling te wen. Daar sal vanjaar weer soos in die verlede groot kontaktrypse op die spees vir die kategorieë: Kinders, Juniors en Seniors. Ruiters van sover as Natal, Johannesburg, Nelspruit en Swaziland woon hierdie Perdespring-kompetisie jaarliks by. Die Equestrian International Academy van Benoni het reeds vir die Perdespring-kompetisie ingeskryf. Die beoordeelde Jacobus Steyn, sal vanaf Vryheid kom om die Perdespring-kompetisie te beoordeel. Evelyn Mocke sal vanaf Witbank kom om as aankondiger op te tree en Trevor Lovegen van Johannesburg sal as baanbouer optree. Die Welkompot en Kampioenskappe sal ook gedurende Saterdag plaasvind. Die Kragssprong is meestal die hoogtepunt by so 'n kompetisie en die gemeenskap van Ermelo word uitgenooi om die Saterdag 'n draai by die hoofarena te maak, om te sien hoe word dit gedoen. *MS*

Truck topples after stopping to pick up hitch-hickers



On Monday, 5 February at approximately 14:00, a heavy duty truck transporting coal and traveling in the direction of Piet Reijer, stopped to give two people who were hitch-hiking a lift. The truck pulled over onto an uneven embankment covered in gravel. The truck started slipping on the gravel and soon tipped over onto its side. The driver as well as the two passengers were taken to the Ermelo Provincial Hospital by the Provincial Ambulance Services, where they are being treated for minor injuries.

Two suspects busted for house-breaking and theft

The Chrissiesmeer SAPS received a complaint from a resident in Nganga Village, Warburton on Monday, 28 January. The culprits broke into the resident's house and stole various household appliances and other goods to the value of R5950. Information received in a house in the Elikwaitini area. Thulani Thela (26) and Lucky Mduli (36) were found in possession of most of the stolen items. Both suspects were arrested, charged and appeared in the Ermelo Magistrate Court on Wednesday, 30 January. *MM*

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION, WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE AND INTEGRATED WATER USE LICENCE

Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) Reference Number: 17/2/3 65-126

Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) Reference Number: 12/9/11/1053/6

Department of Water Affairs (DWA) Reference Number: To Be Allocated

Notice is hereby given that applications in terms of the EA Regulations 2010, Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), Section 45 of the National Environmental Management, Waste Act, 2008 (Act 59 of 2008) (NEMWA) and Section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA) has been lodged with Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET), Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and Department of Water Affairs (DWA) respectively. The activities to be undertaken require applications subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process as required by Section 4 of GN R218 and Sections 26 to 35 of GN R 543 of the EA regulations.

Applicant: Mashula Hendrina Coal (Pty) Ltd

Project Name: De Wittekrans Coal Mine

Project Location: The proposed project is situated on the western side of the R11 between the towns of Ermelo (40 km north-west) and Hendrina (15 km south-southwest) within the Mashikgana and Steve Fikwe Local Municipalities, which fall under the Ben Schoone District Municipality of the Mpumalanga Province. It is situated within the Offshoots Water Management Area in the B72A quarry/irrigation region with the Klein-Olifants River transecting the site.

Proposed Activity: Mashula Hendrina Coal holds a current prospecting right and has applied for a mining right in respect of coal reserves on the farm De Wittekrans 218 JS, Groblershoek 191 JS, Groblershoek 192 JS, Israel 207 JS and Tweefontein 203 JS. The proposed mining method to be used are open-pit mining, making use of the roll-over method and the bord and pillar mining method for the underground sections. Included in the infrastructure to be constructed is a service water treatment plant, sewage treatment plant, coal beneficiation plant, co-disposal facility, mine water storage dams and waste storage areas.

Activities Applied for:

- EA Regulations Listing Notice 1 (GN R544 of 2010): Activities No 9, 11, 13, 22, 39;
- EA Regulations Listing Notice 2 (GN R545 of 2010): Activities No 8, 10, 15, 19, 20;
- Waste management activities Category A (GN178 of 2009): Activities No 2, 4 and 19;
- Waste management activities Category B (GN178 of 2009): Activities No 1, 7 and 11; and
- Water uses in terms of Section 21 of NWA: 21(a), 21(b), 21(c), (f), (g), (i) and (j).

EIA and Public Participation Process:

Geo Soil and Water (CC (GSW)) has been appointed as an independent environmental assessment practitioner, to co-ordinate, manage and compile the relevant environmental impact and management reports, as well as to facilitate the relevant public participation process related to the proposed project in terms of the NEMA, NEMWA and NWA. The study will be undertaken in two phases namely Scoping phase and Impact Assessment phase and will include a Public Participation Process in compliance with GN R807 of 2012. The Public Participation Process will seek to identify and involve stakeholders in the environmental studies.

Should you wish to be registered as a stakeholder, receive further information on the proposed project and/or raise issues of concern with regard to the proposed development, please contact Ms. Mabelah Hughes at Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd. (EIMS) on the contact details below. All registered interested and affected parties (IAPs) will be notified of the availability of the Scoping Report and Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report once available for review and comment. In order to receive the relevant information on time, please register as an IAP by writing to us via e-mail or post on or before 25th March 2013.

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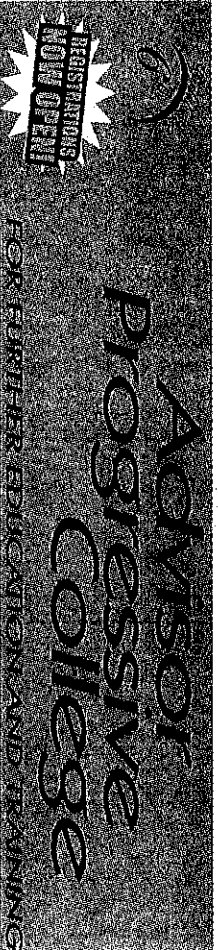
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