

# 'Liquor law discussed to curb abuse'

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THE Department of Finance, Economy and Enterprise Development (FEED) in North West embarked on a campaign to warn the youth about consumption of liquor. The meeting was held at Mphebotho museum in Moruleng.

The department spokesperson, Dumisa Seshabela said they engaged with liquor traders and community to discuss challenges of alcohol abuse. She said they have enforced responsible trading and compliance to conditions of license.

Seshabela said: "This campaign came following the concerns on significant increase of alcohol consumption amongst the youth. As department, we have noted that alcohol abuse does not only has harmful effects on the body, but also results in increased levels of conflict in the family, violence, sexual violence and high risk on sexual behaviours. We urge communities to work together with relevant authorities to eradicate alcohol abuse."

Chief Director in Corporate Services from FEED, Mooketsi Senqhi said that the alcohol abuse was rife among young people. He said that the issue posed a serious concern since it does not only have an impact on the health of the citizens but also on the economy.

"With the existing challenges of inequality, unemployment and poverty the scourge and prevalence of alcohol abuse increase the strain on the economy. The department has issued close to 6 500 licences to outlets ranging from taverns, restaurants, bottle stores, accommodation and brewers."

"We are working together with Community Policing Forums (CPFs). We normal conduct meetings also with the liquor forums."

He said they encouraged communities not to use alcohol excessively. Senqhi said liquor inspectors from department have been visiting the outlets constantly to monitor if they comply with conditions attached to licence.

"The North West Liquor Board is still faced with challenges in terms of compliance with regard to sale of liquor beyond stipulated hours. Some of the concerns reported were that tavern owners sell liquor to minors, pregnant women and over intoxicated patrons. Such allows unruly behaviour in liquor outlets that result to public indecency and incidents of violence.

"We are not undermining the economic opportunities available to those engaged in the industry. Our message is clear, we want licence holders to act more responsibly and familiarise themselves with the legislative requirements and trading conditions of the licences. That will help them in making informed decisions when selling alcohol to patrons," Senqhi said.

Chairperson of North West Liquor Board, Adv. Ruth Dzanibe said that the board was infested with requests from liquor traders on extension of trading hours. Dzanibe further said they wanted to trade on Sundays.

She added that Bokone Bophirima is regulated by Liquor Act No.27 of 1989 as amended and the National Liquor Act No: 59 of 2003.

"There is nowhere in these Acts that the extension of trading hours is permitted except for section 54(2) of the Liquor Act No.27 of 1989. Only hotel liquor licence holders can apply for extension of trading hours. We visited few areas that sell liquor in Moruleng and other surrounding villages. During the inspection, department noted that the illegal leasing of liquor trading premises to foreigners is rife.

"We have also realised that some do not qualify to trade. They also undermine the rule of tribal authority. The police reports also indicate that some of the outlets have been infiltrated by criminals to conduct criminal activities such as prostitution and drug trafficking," she said.

The assistant director for National Liquor Authority within the Department of Trade and Industry, Khathu Mudau

said the department was busy with public consultations on liquor policy review.

He said the review was part of an effort to regain control of liquor business in South Africa. Mudau said this followed on from the publication into law in February 15 this year of the normal standards in terms of Liquor Act, 59 of 2003.

"The normal standard states that all provincial liquor legislation must be harmonised with the Liquor Act, 2003. The liquor Act 1989 must be repealed by the end of 2016/17 financial year. This creates incoherence, fragmentation and limits the ability to enforce liquor laws in South Africa. The department is currently drafting its own liquor bill. This bill has to date been published in the government gazette for comments by the public and other interested parties," he said.

Mudau said the Norms and standards address issues within the current legislative framework such as age verification, uniform trading hours, supply of liquor to minors, sale or supply of liquor to intoxicated person.

He said other issues included payment of income tax, provision of free drinking water and ablution facilities, noise nuisance and evacuations measures.

"This document is awaiting publication to become enforceable. It will reflect the provision of capping number of licenses to be issued in the country. So it will be difficult to obtain liquor licence in future. Liquor traders are encouraged to take good care of their businesses by complying with the conditions that are attached to the license. If they do not, they will end up losing them.

"It is not only adults abuse liquor. We have school kids indulging in liquor. Girls also indulge in binge drinking. Alcohol abuse is slowly eating social fibre of our communities. This impediment needs a collective effort with relevant stakeholders to curb embarrassment that the country is faced with," Mudau said.

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## NOTICE IS GIVEN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN RESPECT MINERAL PROSPECTING IN FARM TAUNG 894 HN, NORTH WEST PROVINCE, IN TERMS OF REGULATION 3(6) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO 107 OF 1998):

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS 2014, TOGETHER WITH SECTION 12 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2008 (ACT NO 28 OF 2002) AS AMENDED

PROJECT REFERENCE: NW 30/5/1/1/2/11836 EM

#### NATURE OF ACTIVITY

Application for Environmental Authorisation for various mineral prospecting

#### LOCATION

Farm Taung 894 HN, Greater Taung Municipality within Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati in North West Province. **COORDINATES:** 27°33' 20.30" S; 24°44' 02.67" E

#### NAME OF APPLICANT

Batlaping Ba Ga Phuduhucwana Community

#### NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

Tshikovha Environmental and Communication Consulting

#### REGISTRATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

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