

# Home in a hole

Pinky Mofokeng

**VEREENIGING.**- Homelessness is the most extreme form of social exclusion and is a strong indicator of social injustice in any society.

A couple made a home out of a hole the husband dug on the ground when they had nowhere to go in Vereeniging recently.

Jacobus Piater (47) was recently left homeless when his landlord evicted him and his wife for apparently failing to pay rent.

The couple spent four nights in the hole with their two cats with nothing to eat or drink. It appears that Piater and his family were evicted from their house in Hofmeyer Ave-

nue but the couple moved to the backroom where they were eventually kicked out.

The 49-year-old wife Mariana Annendale could not take the cold in the hole and decided to walk away, she has not been seen since.

Piater could not hold back his tears as he was explaining how he felt sorry for his wife who could not take the cold at night.

It seems as if the wife could not take being homeless because it caused an exceptional risk to her physical health, personal safety and psychological well-being.

Piater says, "Without a stable living arrangement I cannot provide for my wife, I am very hurt that she left and do not know where she went. I just hope she is safe and that she will come back to me."

When asked what went through his mind at night while sleeping in the hole he says, "I could not sleep I kept asking myself why this was happening to us, but with God's grace I am safe."

"Jabulani Mabe, the man who found us really helped me. He gave me a room here at Vereeniging Old Hospital (known commonly as 21) even though the room does not have windows or a door it is better than sleeping outside".



**Jacobus Piater in his new apartment at the Vereeniging Old Hospital (21). He says he only needs his sweetheart to come back to him. Photos: Pinky Mofokeng.**



**This homeless couple was recently found sleeping in a hole next to Vereeniging Old Hospital commonly known as 21.**

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## Tuckshop owner worried about ID as shop burns down

Lazarus Dithagiso

**BOPHELONG.** - The owner of a tuckshop that caught fire and burned to ashes did not worry about the amount of damage caused by the fire. His main concern, was only how he was going to obtain another Identity Book (ID). The shop, made of corrugated iron, apparently burned after the fire was started by a stove in Bophelong Extension 11 on Monday at around 17:45. The owner, Mashaba,

as he is commonly called, cried tears for his ID. He said, "It's hard for us Shangaan people to obtain documents at the Home Affairs Department." When the fire started, all the water taps were dry. A 14-year-old shopkeeper was left alone in the store to help customers. One of the neighbours who managed to assist during the fire said, "The fire started from another room. Should we not have forcefully opened the door, the RDP house

attached to the shack could have burned including the neighbouring shacks. It was very late when some members of the public with the assistance of the Emfuleni Fire and Rescue Department managed to bring the flames under control. Mashaba could not exactly explain the total damage he suffered as he was busy crying for his ID book lost in the fire. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire and the damage is not yet known.



**Mashaba tuckshop burned to the ground in Bophelong on Monday. Photo: Pule Molefe**

### BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

#### NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 54 of Government Notice No. R. 543 under the EIA Regulations (2010) promulgated under Section 24 (5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 as amended (Act 107 of 1998) of an application for Environmental Authorization for the proposed activity described below. A full Basic Assessment Process will be followed.

#### Nature of Activity:

The applicant has applied for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed development of a poultry farm with the capacity of 20 000 chickens in 3 broiler houses as well as a layer house with 20 000 chicks. The Competent Authority for this application will be the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. In terms of Government Notice No. R. 544 (listing of scheduled activities) the following listed activities apply to the proposed development:

Notice Number	Activity No (s)	Description
544, 18 June 2010	3(i)	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the slaughter of animals with a product throughput of poultry exceeding 50 poultry per day.
544, 18 June 2010	5(ii)	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the concentration of more than 5 000 poultry per facility situated outside an urban area, excluding chicks younger than 20 days
544, 18 June 2010	23(ii)	The transformation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land to residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use, outside an urban area and where the total area to be transformed is bigger than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares.

#### Location:

The proposed site is located on Holding 18, Waterdal Agricultural Holdings in Waterdal near Vanderbijl Park, Gauteng Province. The geographical coordinates of the site are given in Decimal Degrees: 26.571°S, 27.867°E.

#### Reference:

EIMS Ref: 1014

#### Name of Applicant:

Navomix Suppliers (Pty) Ltd.

#### Name of Contact/Consultant:

In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an interested or affected party and that your comments are considered, please submit your name, contact details, reason for your interest and issues/concerns, in writing or telephonically, to Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd, by no later than the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Please note that only registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be notified of further opportunities for involvement in this process.

Please send your information, objections, comments and/or concerns (including the reference number 1014) to:

**Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd**

P.O. Box 2083 Pinegowrie, 2123

Phone: 011 789-7170 Fax: 011 787-3059

Contact: **Nobuhle Hughes**

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I, A P Squirra of APS Town and Regional Planners, being the authorized agent of the owner hereby give notice in terms of Section 5(5) of the Gauteng Removal of Restrictions Act, 1996 (Act 3 of 1996) that I have applied to the Emfuleni Local Municipality for the removal of certain title conditions contained in the Deed of Transfer No. T000013703 of Erf 966, Vanderbijl Park SW 5 x 2 Township, which property is located on the Eastern boundary of Schumann Street (No. 19), to facilitate this Application, and for the simultaneous amendment of the Vanderbijl Park Town Planning Scheme, 1987, by the rezoning of the Erf, from "Residential 1" purposes to "Residential 1" purposes with Annexure 767 for a Hair-and Beauty Parlour and all purposes incidental thereto as well as the amendment of Clause 8 Tables "A" and "B" to facilitate the relaxation of the street building line from 5/6,00m to 0,00m.

All relevant documents relating to this Application will be open for inspection during normal office hours at the office of the said Local Authority, office of the Deputy Municipal Manager: Economic Development Planning (Land Use Management), 1st floor Development Planning Building, corner of President Kruger and Eric Louw Streets, Vanderbijl Park, from 14 May, 2014 until 11 June, 2014. Any person who wishes to object to this Application or submit representations in respect thereof, must lodge the same in writing to the said Local Authority at its address specified above or send it to P O Box 3, Vanderbijl Park 1900. The objections or representations must reach the mentioned office on or before 11 June, 2014.

Name and address of Agent:  
APS Town and Regional Planners  
P O Box 12311  
LUMIER, 1905

Name of child: **SIPHO PHILLIP NGOMANE**  
Date of birth: **0411212004**  
Name of Parent/Guardian  
Biological mother: **KATE NGOMANE (UNKNOWN)**  
Biological father:  
**UNKNOWN**  
Reason for advert - tracing of parents  
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