

Suspects arrested for theft



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Suspects between the ages of 18 and 29 suspects were arrested in connection with the theft of steel frames on a farm near Ogies and had their vehicles taken. This incident is said to have happened on 11 October 2022 at about 15h50. Police responded to a call from community members while surrounding the five suspects who were in a white Isuzu bakkie. According to information, while on investigation police were informed that the five

suspicious-looking men were spotted on the farm and when engaged, it was realized that they had steel frames loaded in their bakkie which is believed to have been stolen from the farm. The steel frames were already stripped. The suspects could not give an account of the property in their possession hence they were arrested and charged with theft as well as malicious damage to property. Police cannot rule out the possibility of adding more charges against the suspects. The suspected stolen property as well as the vehicle

were taken for further investigation. The Provincial Commissioner of the SAPS in Mpumalanga Lieutenant General Semakeleng Daphney Manamela has welcomed the arrest and urged that community members should stay away from taking the law into their hands, but always work together with the authorities. The suspects are expected to make their appearance at the Ogies Magistrate Court as soon as all necessary administrative is completed.



NOTICE OF A BASIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE PROPOSED CASTEEL /GA-JOSEFA DAM SAFETY REHABILITATION PROJECT, FARM KASTEEL 231-JU, BUSHBUCKRIDGE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, EHLANZENI DISTRICT (DFFE Reference: Pending)

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS): Directorate Strategic Infrastructure Asset Management (SIAM), intends to apply for Environmental Authorisation from the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) to commission scheduled rehabilitation works at Casteel Dam, better known as **Ga-Josefa Dam**. The rehabilitation works will address safety risks identified at the dam through a Dam Safety Evaluation (i.e. dam wall seepage, unstable slope, defective outlet works). Casteel Dam is located on the farm Kasteel 231-JU, next to the R40 Bushbuckridge-Acornhoek Road between the settlements of Casteel and Arthur's Seat at GPS Co-ordinates 24° 41.548' S; 31° 1.583' E.

- The DWS Chief Directorate: Construction Management will carry out 28 500m² of rehabilitation works at the dam embankment i.e.
- Construction of Chimney and Toe drains to intercept seepage from the dam wall
 - Refurbishment of the dam outlet works, expansion of the intake tower and provide concrete intake tower bridge
 - Stabilise the downstream dam wall slope by flattening it
 - Increase spillway capacity (Raise Non-overspill crest to accommodate the dam's recommended maximum flood);
 - Rehabilitation of the spillway return channel
 - Provision of up-and downstream slope protection
 - Construction of a paved walkway on the dam crest

The existing gravel access road from the R40 to the dam embankment will also be upgraded and a 0.9 Ha site office area will be established north-east of the dam.

The project triggers scheduled activities published under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014 (GN R. 326, as amended on 7 April 2017) i.e. **GN R. 327 (activity 19 and 27) and GN R. 324 (activity 4, 12, 14 and 23)** therefore requires application for environmental authorisation subject to a Basic Assessment (BA) process.

Naledzi Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to undertake the BA process and will conduct the required public participation process, as announced through this advertisement.

OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

Interested and Affected Parties are invited to **register on the project database**. If you wish to obtain more detail, comment or express concerns on the project, you can download the project **Background Information Document (BID)** and **Registration Form** from the Naledzi website www.naledzi.co.za/publicdocuments available from **17 October to 15 November 2022**. Copies of the BID are also available at the following public venues in the project area:

- Casteel Thusong Service Centre
- Tribal offices of Moreipuso and Setlhare
- Faith Mission Church in Dingley Dale (next to the old Co-op)

The **BID documents** are provided in **English, Sesotho, SiThonga and Sepedi**. Please register and submit your comments together with your name, contact details and interest in the project to the contact person indicated below **on or before 15 November 2022**.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETINGS

Two public meetings have been scheduled to introduce and discuss the proposed project and give an overview of the BA process. I&APs are welcome to attend the below scheduled public meetings. Provision will be made at the meetings for attendees to ask questions in English/Sesotho/SiThonga/Sepedi. Registration and Comment Sheets will also be available and can be completed at the venue.

Venue	Date	Time
Casteel Thusong Service Centre (Tent) (Meeting is intended for community members)	Tuesday, 25 October 2022	11:00 – 13:00
Faith Mission Church, Dingley Dale (Meeting is intended for downstream water users and Irrigation Scheme members)	Wednesday, 26 October 2022	09:00 – 11:00

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TSEBISO YA TSHEPEDIŠO YA MOTHEO YA TEKOLO YA KHUETŠO LE DIKOPANO TŠA SETŠHABA TŠA PROTŠEKE YE E ŠIŠINTŠWEGO YA TSOŠOLOŠO YA POLOKEGO YA LETAMO LA CASTEEL/GA-JOSEFA, POLASENG YA KASTEEL 231-JU, MMASEPALA WA SELEGAE WA BUSHBUCKRIDGE, SELETE SA EHLANZENI DISTRICT (Tšhupetšo ya DFFE: Pending)

Mo go fiwa tsebišo ya gore Kgoro ya Meetse le Kelelatšhila (DWS): Lekala la Taolo ya Mananeokoparara a Togamaano (SIAM), ye maikemišetšo a yona e lego go dira kgopelo ya Tumelelo ya Tikologo go tšwa go Kgoro ya Bosetšhaba ya Dikgwa, Boreahlapi le Tikologo (DFFE) gore go dirwe mešomo ya tsošološo ye e beakantšwego Letamong la Casteel, le le tsebjago bokaone ka leina la **Letamo la Ga-Josefa**. Mešomo ya go tsošološa e tla šogana le dikotsi tša polokego tše di bonwego letamong ka Tekolo ya Polokego ya Letamo (e lego, go dutla ga lebota la letamo, mmoto wo o sa tlelelago, mananeo a kanale). Letamo la Casteel le mo polaseng ya Kasteel 231-JU, kgauswi le tsela ya R40 ya Bushbuckridge-Acornhoek gare ga metsana ya Casteel le Arthur's Seat mo go Ditaetšo tša GPS 24° 41.548' S; 31° 1.583' E.

Lekala le Legolo la DWS: Taolo ya Kago le tla dira mešomo ya tsošološo leribeng la letamo ya 28 500m², e lego:

- Kago ya mesela (Chimney and Toe drains) go thibela go dutla lebotong la letamo
- Mphafatšo ya mananeo a kanale a letamo, katoloso ya tora ya kamogelo le go aga leporogo la tora la kamogelo la konkortli
- Kgwahliša mmoto wa lebota la letamo wa boelelo bja go ya fase ka go bo dira phaphathi
- Oketša bogolo bja botšhollelo (Emitša sehloa sa thibelo ya phalalelo go amogela palo ya godimodimo ye e šišintšwego ya mafula ya letamo)
- Tsošološo ya kanale ya poetšo ya botšhollelo
- Go aga tšhireletšo ya mmoto wa boelelo bja godimo le bja fase
- Kago ya tsejana ye e pheylilwego godimo ga sehloa a letamo

Tsela ya mmu ye e lego gona go tloga R40 goba leribeng la letamo le yona e tla kaonafatšwa le lefelo la ofisi ya saete la 0.9 Ha le tla hlóngwa ka leboa-bohlabela bja letamo.

Protšeke e tšweletša mediyo ye e beakantšwego ye e phatlaladitšwego ka fase ga Melawana ya Tekolo ya Khuetsō ya Tikologo ya 2014 (GN R. 326, bjalo ka ge o fetotšwe ka la 7 Aporerele 2017) e lego **GN R. 327 (modiro wa 19 le 27) le GN R. 324 (modiro wa 4, 12, 14 le 23)** ya Molao wa Bosetšhaba wa Taolo ya Tikologo, 1998 (Molao wa 107 wa 1998) bjalo e nyaka kgopelo ya tumelelo ya tikologo go ya ka tshepedišo ya Tekolo ya Motheo (BA).

Naledzi Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd e thwetšwe bjalo ka balekodi ba tikologo ba go ikema (EAP) go phethagatša tshepedišo ya BA gomme ba tla sepetša tshepedišo ya theletšo ya setšhaba ye e nyakegago, bjalo ka ge go tsebišetšwe ka kwalakwatšo ye.

MONYETLA WA GO NGWADIŠA BJALO KA MOKGATHATEMA YO A NAGO LE KGALHEGO LE YO A AMEGAGO

Bakgathatema ba ba nago le Kgahlego le ba ba Amegago ba laletšwa go ngwadiša tatapeising ya protšeke. Ge o nyaka go hwetša dintha, tshwayotšhwayo goba go laetša dihloboalelo mabapi le protšeke, o ka taonelouta **Tokomane ya Tshedimošo ya Bomorago (BID)** le **Fomo ya Ngwadišo** go go weposaeete ya Naledzi www.naledzi.co.za/publicdocuments tše di tloga hwetšagalaga go tloga ka la **17 Oktobere go fiha go 15 Nofemere 2022**. Dikhopi tša BID di hwetšagalaga gape mo mafelong a a latelago a setšhaba ka lefelong ya protšeke:

- Sentthara ya Ditirelo ya Thusong ya Casteel
- Diofisi tša mošate tša Moreipuso le Setlhare
- Kereke ya Faith Mission go la Dingley Dale (kgauswi le Koporase ya kgale)

Ditokomane tša BID di fiwa ka English, Sesotho, Xitsonga le Sepedi. Ka kgopelo ngwadiša gape o romele ditshwayotšhwayo tša gago gotee le leina, dintha tša kgokagano le kgahlego ya gago mo protšekeng go mkgokaganyi yo a laeditšwego ka mo fase **ka la goba pele ga la 15 Nofemere 2022**.

TSEBISO YA KOPANO YA SETŠHABA YE E BEAKANTŠWEGO

Dikopano tše pedi tša setšhaba di beakantšwe go tsebiša le go boledišana ka protšeke ye e šišintšwego le go fa ditaba kakaretšo mabapi le tshepedišo ya BA. Bakgathatema ba ba nago le Kgahlego le ba ba Amegago ba dumetšwego go tšenela kopano ya setšhaba ye e beakantšwego ka mo fase. Mo dikopanong go tla ba le sebaka sa gore batlakopanong ba botšise dipotšišo ka English/Sesotho/Xitsonga/Sepedi. Gape go tla ba le matlakala a Boingwadišo le a Ditshwayotšhwayo gomme a ka tlatšwa lefelong la kopano.

Lefelo	Letšatšikgwe	Nako
Sentthara ya Ditirelo ya Thusong ya Casteel (Tente) (Kopano ke ya maloko a setšhaba)	Labobedi, 25 Oktobere 2022	11:00 – 13:00
Kereke ya Faith Mission, Dingley Dale (Kopano ke ya bašomiši ba meetse a letamo le maloko a Lenaneo la go Nošetša)	Laboro, 26 Oktobere 2022	09:00 – 11:00

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Stilfontein illegal miners remanded in custody



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The 20 suspects arrested during an operation at which a firearms cache was seized at a mine shaft in Stilfontein in the North West on Monday, have been remanded in custody. The accused, aged between 19 and 40, on Tuesday appeared before the Stilfontein Magistrate's court. The case was postponed to 18 October 2022 for verification of addresses and their immigration status. Hawks spokesperson, Colonel Katlego Mogale, said another suspect was arrested on the same day, later on the day at his home in Stilfontein. "The suspect was seen in the footage collected during surveillance, with his vehicle delivering goods at the shaft on several occasions. The case against the 21 accused was

postponed to 18 October 2022 for verification of addresses and their immigration status," she said. They were arrested by a team led by the Hawks' Serious Organised Crime Investigation assisted by members of the Hawks' Tactical Management Section, Special Task Force, National Intervention Unit, District Illegal Mining Task Team, Tactical Response Team, Bidvest Protea Coin, and Harmony Gold mine. Mogale said: "The operation comes following weeks of surveillance into the alleged illegal mining activities of the suspects resulting in the arrest of 20 suspects and the seizure of 15 AK47s, six hunting rifles, two shotguns and one R5, boxes full of ammunition, explosives

and an undisclosed amount of money." Also scheduled to appear before the Stilfontein Magistrate's court Wednesday were 88 alleged illegal miners who were arrested in Orkney on 20 October 2021 where 11 firearms, ammunition, illegal mining paraphernalia, gold bearing material and food was seized. Meanwhile, on Tuesday three suspects were arrested after the police operationalised information regarding individuals alleged to have been in possession of firearms. Mogale said the trio was traveling in a taxi from Lesotho to Klerksdorp. "Upon arrival at Klerksdorp, the suspects were searched and two pistols were found in their possession," she said. - SAnews.gov.za