

BLOUBERG IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS | LEADERSHIP MEETS SYLVANIA PLATINUM MINE REPRESENTATIVES

The Blouberg Local Municipality Executive Committee (EXCO) led by the Chairperson of Economic Development and Planning, Cllr Dan Mosena today (03/11/22) had a meeting with Sylvania Platinum Mine as part of stakeholder engagements. The purpose of the meeting was for the mine to update the municipality in relations to their operations and the social and labour plans (SLPs). Sylvania Platinum is a producer of the platinum group metals platinum, palladium and rhodium and has sights set in Blouberg. The mine has applied for mining license from the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR).

Mine representative, indicated that Sylvania Platinum which currently holds a mining permit has been prospecting and conducting bulk sampling for mineral deposits in three villages/farms of Krantzplaas (Mosehleng) and Nonworth in Ward 01 and the adjacent village of La Pusella which is under Mogalakwena jurisdiction.

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Cllr Mosena indicated that, the municipality subscribes to public-private-partnership as called by the president and that the municipality has a responsibility of providing a conducive environment for businesses operating within the municipality to thrive.

"As the municipality we are here to provide conducive environment for the investors to operate. We are ready through public-private-partnership to accommodate you (Sylvania Platinum), we have ample space for your offices and residence.

We need to nurture our relationships with mining houses as they are another important source of economic benefits to communities through job creation, skilling the youth, boost the economy and empowerment of local businesses"

Cllr Mosena further indicated that, the municipality is ready to work with Sylvania Platinum and assist where there are challenges.

" Investors must not suffer on their own without the support from the municipality. We are ready to share the frustrations relating to the bottlenecks of the release of the mining licence"

