

DARKNESS - A THING OF THE PAST ALONG THE R521 - VIVO AREA AS
MAYOR THAMAGA OFFICIATES GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR STREET LIGHTS PROJECT
FUNDED BY CRYSTAL SALTS AND BERGPAN SALT WORKS

As part of their Social and Labour Plan(SLP), Crystal Salt and Bergpan Salt Works in partnership with Blouberg Local Municipality today, conducted a groundbreaking ceremony marking the commencement of the installation of solar street lights project along the R521 route in Vivo area.

According to Mr Ephraim Mokoatedi, the SLP Officer, the project forms part of their commitment to enhancing the local community and infrastructure.

"We are excited to announce the commencement of the project, which is aimed at improving street lighting and safety for the residents and travelers along the R521 route.

The solar street lights will contribute significantly to the safety, energy efficiency, and overall development in the area. "

In 2020/21 financial year, Blouberg Local Municipality Council approved Crystal and Bergpan Salt Works' SLP projects to the tune of R 957 000.

The municipality's first priority of the twelve priorities crafted is local economic development, job creation, and partnerships as government alone can not do everything.

The Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga extended her appreciation to the two companies, indicating that the municipality needs to partner with other role players to develop communities.

" The operations of these two companies, Crystal and Bergpan, have created forty-two(42)permanent job opportunities.

We are happy today that in partnership with Crystal and Bergpan, we are doing sod-turning for the solar street light project. During construction, this project will create ten (10) temporary job opportunities. "

The project scope includes the installation of seven(7) streets lights which will be powered by solar, the move Mayor Thamaga commended, indicating it will play a significant role in promoting the government' s plan of using alternative sources of energy.

"This will make a contribution to the reduction of load shedding.

Two other LED projects will be funded through their SLP projects. Their SLP projects link very well with our first priority as the municipality. We welcome and appreciate this milestone. Vivo will never be the same. It will look different through the solar street lights. "



