

BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MEETS POTENTIAL INVESTORS

The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development and Planning, Cllr Dan Mosena today, the 26th of July welcomed the delegation from Etrocento PTY LTD. Etrocento is an engineering company specializing in development and operating renewable energy power plants.

The company which has been in operation for over a decade is looking to invest in a solar plant in Ga-Kibi. The company is currently busy with the pre-feasibility study and has had engagements with the Kibi Traditional Council, municipal leadership and the community regarding the project.

In his presentation, Managing Director, Siboniso Khumalo indicated that, the company aims to construct, operate and maintain a 100MW(Megawatts) photovoltaic solar farm. He further indicated that, the project will contribute to electricity shortage and reduce power disruptions, create employment opportunities, boost the local economy and contribute to education and training. The planned project is set to create about 800 temporary jobs and 100 permanent jobs.

Cllr Mosena welcomed the presentation on behalf of the leadership. He indicated that, the Blouberg communities are thirsty for development and that the municipality is looking for private-public-partnerships as guided by government to eradicate poverty, boost economic growth and drive development to communities.

The municipality and the company will have continuous meetings to get brief on developments and address challenges that may arise as the processes unfold.

The meeting was also attended by members of the Executive Committee(EXCO), Cllr Prince Motswabe, Cllr Martin Tlouamma, Municipal Manager, Mr Refilwe Ramothwala and Technical Services Director, Ms Denga Siboiboi.



