



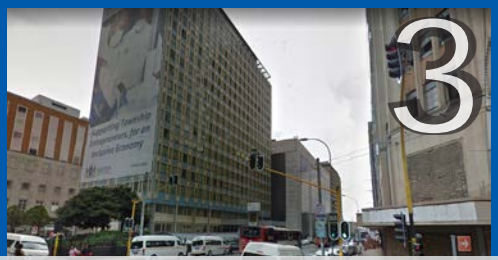
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## Province evacuates employees from 8 other buildings after Bank of Lisbon Fire



Bank of Lisbon on fire



MEC Jacob Mamabolo and Bethuel Netshiswinzhe at a Media briefing held at Lutsinga

By Alfred Nhlapo

Following the tragic fire accident at one of Gauteng Provincial Government's head office buildings known as Bank Lisbon in early September, at which three firefighters lost their lives when they tried to extinguish the fire, the province has taken a decision for eight of its other buildings to be immediately evacuated by all employees.

The province said the evacuation was a proactive and precautionary step to ensure that the eight buildings are fully compliant with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and that no employees are exposed to any possible danger. The buildings will be immediately checked by the Department of Labour for compliance with all necessary requirements. The compliance process is expected to take three to six weeks in the different buildings, based on the condition of each building.

The eight buildings are however not condemned for non-occupation, but the province has committed to addressing all areas of concern before employees can reoccupy the buildings.

Speaking to media and stakeholders during the announcement, Infrastructure Development MEC Jacob Mamabolo said the fire accident at the Bank of Lisbon Building had unfortunately happened while the province was finalising the movement of employees from the building following an assessment report received on 27 August. The building served as head offices of the three departments of Health, Human

Settlements, and Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

"As the Gauteng Provincial Government, we would like to confirm that the Bank of Lisbon Building was 21% compliant with the OHS, as indicated by the condition assessment that we received a few days before the fire broke out. The province was already in the process of finding alternative accommodation for employees occupying the building and procurement was already at advanced stage when the fire accident occurred.

We would also like to send our deepest condolences to the families of the brave firefighters who lost their lives. We can also confirm that all 1115 GPG employees who were housed in that building were successfully evacuated."

Various stakeholders, including organised labour, have expressed concern about the condition of some of the buildings. Government has committed to address the issues raised, working with stakeholders.

The Johannesburg Central District has been a beehive of mass movement of employees over the month of September as public servants from the eight evacuated buildings and the torched Bank of Lisbon moved into alternative offices to share space with colleagues while the both the procurement of new office space and the parallel OHS compliance process.



MEC Jacob Mamabolo addressing the Media

# The Gauteng OHS Building Evacuation Plan in Summary

By Alfred Nhlapo



The Corner House Building recently evacuated

The proactive evacuation is a decision of the Provincial Cabinet as led by Premier David Makhura in the interest of the safety of GPG workers.

The proactive Occupational Health and Safety evacuation of the 8 other GPG buildings will take three to six weeks to complete, depending on the circumstances of each building.

The 8 buildings are not condemned for non-occupation by officials but are being proactively evacuated to ensure they are fully compliant beyond any reasonable doubt.

The Department of Labour is undertaking the OHS compliance process and is evaluating each building on its merits.

The services rendered at the 8 building have not been disrupted. Instead the officials have been accommodated in other existing GPG buildings and the service points have been set therein.

The Bank of Lisbon Building which housed the departments of Health, Human Settlements, and Cooperative Governance will not be reoccupied. Instead, alternative accommodation is being procured and is at an advanced stage. The official. Is are accommodated in temporary space

The province is also considering the condition of the other buildings that are owned by private companies in which GPG employees are accommodated and will ensure compliance is done accordingly



## Special GPG OHS Committee established to oversee compliance

By Theo Nkonki

**T**he Gauteng Provincial Government has announced the establishment of a high level provincial Occupational Health and Safety Steering Committee (OHSSC) to centralise the safety function for all buildings accommodating government employees. The committee will be chaired by Department of Infrastructure Development (DID) MEC Jacob Mamabolo and will be constituted of heads of department (HODs).

The establishment of the committee is in line with the Occupational Health and Safety Act which places safety as a key responsibility of all the Accounting Officers (HOD's) as employers. The centralisation of the function is intended to ensure co-ordination and oversight for full enforcement of safety regulations in all the departments. The immediate task of the committee is to stabilise the building safety environment in the province following the fire accident at the Bank of Lisbon building in the Johannesburg CBD.

The centralisation of this function doesn't take away the legislative responsibility of Accounting Officers in respect of occupational safety. It seeks to ensure that this function is stabilised, and functions in the most efficient and effective manner. It is at this point that a determination will be made on its gradual decentralisation.

The function of this committee comes into effect on Friday the 07th of September 2018. The priority assignment will be to oversee the evacuation of officials from non-compliant buildings and to relocate them to suitable buildings. This will address the current practice where there is no central co-ordination to oversee compliance. It will change the current practice where occupation safety is not centrally supported but left to Accounting Officers, considering that it is apparent that the practice is not working efficiently and effectively.



MEC Jacob Mamabolo and Bethuel Netshiswinzhe at a Media briefing held at Lutsinga



ABSA building recently evacuated for OHS compliance evaluations





## State-of-the-art Greenspark Clinic under construction in Fochville



By Thomas Lethoba

**K**ey to Department of Infrastructure Developments' mandate of delivering quality public service facilities, DID is currently constructing a modern state of the art healthcare centre in Greenspark clinic at Fochville, Carletonville.

Construction of the new clinic started in September 2016, and is expected to be completed by the end of the 2018/2019 financial year. The completed facility is expected to help bring health services closer to the people of the area. The community has apparently in the past bemoaned the long distances they must travel to get healthcare.

According to the Project Manager Nkaya Sebothoma, work has been going well in implementing the project, and green initiatives are also planned for later stages. She says earlier stakeholder challenges have also been addressed, and the engagement of local community residents is ongoing.

"We haven't started with the implementation of green initiative features, as we are still consulting with the green technology division," she adds.

Sebothoma said the project has had been slow due to numerous challenges. "To date, we've had to face challenges of community interruptions, including local business forums demanding to be included in the project."

Besides the hiccups the project is now running smoothly and the innovation of the clinic in the

area has empowered the community to gain skills and attain job opportunities.

The Expanded Public Works Project (EPWP) has already provided employment opportunities to well over 25 people, with more than three sub-contractors also having been enlisted to undertake works in various specialities on the project.

The prototypes of work packages allocated in the construction of the building includes the: engineering, design, furnishing and redistribution, uses of graphics, procurement, planning and innovation.





## Mezodo Vocational Skills Centre gets a facelift in Dobsonville

By Rorisang Monyela

**A**s part of a strategy by the Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG) to prioritise the maintenance of the existing infrastructure while rolling out new infrastructure, the department has repaired and renovated the Mezodo Vocational Skills Centre.

The centre was not in good a condition for learning. The roof was leaking and the wall painting and ceiling were old and peeling.

Mezodo Vocational Skills Centre is a public Mild Mental Disability School with about 270 learners. It is located in Dobsonville, Johannesburg.

The renovation of the school started in May 2017 and was completed in December 2017. The project was worth R11 752 889, 47 including fees.

The Department of Infrastructure Development's project manager Richard Tshabalala said the project ran smoothly as he was doing it for the second time. The first project was called off because the contractor was not paying workers.

"The second project of Mezodo Vocational Skills Centre was not on the Estimated Capital Expenditure (ECE) for financial year 2016/ 2017 project list. The contractor received the first payment in November, but managed to finish the project on time as they were committed to the project," said Tshabalala.

During the project, Tshabalala worked with Moago Contract and two local subcontractors which are Mtungwa Painting which dealt with painting and Glazing Sub Glazing which dealt with glazing. The project benefited seventeen (17) workers from the main contractor and eight workers from subcontractors.

The work done at the school included: ceiling tile installation, floor sheeting, wall painting



Mezodo Vocational Skills Centre

of classroom blocks, metal workshop block, welding workshop block, electrical workshop, court yard earthworks, garage, hall kitchen and toilets: installation of toilets, basins, doors and painting. installation of steel trusses at admin block, paving the yard of the school.

The school is now operating as usual as the project has been completed.



## Submission of Invoices

By Philemon Motshwaedi

**T**he need to ensure compliance with Occupational health and Safety Standards, several government offices in the province have been placed under re-assessment. A decision was taken to relocate staff from various buildings whilst this exercise is taking place. This resulted in most suppliers and service providers seeking direction on submission of invoices.

All invoices, except for those of the Department of Health and suppliers registered on the Electronic Invoice Submission platform, can be submitted to 56 Eloff Street for scanning.

Suppliers that are registered on EIS can continue submitting as normal.



Description	Number	%	Amount	%
Number of open/outstanding queries	11	3%	8 407 740.67	3%
Number of queries resolved	331	97%	240 320 041.91	97%
<b>Total number of queries lodged/amount</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>248 727 782.58</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Aging Analysis of Open Queries

Description	Total	0-30 Days	31-60 Days	61-90 Days	91+ Days
Total value of open queries as at 28/09/2018	8 407 740.67	5 709 944.76	-	-	2 697 795.91
Number of open queries as at 28/09/2018	13	1	1	-	11
<b>% by amount of outstanding queries</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>32%</b>

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Week Ending	Number	%	Amount	%	Number	%	Amount	%
2018/08/31	21	6%	5 063 506.44	2%	329	94%	232 297 715.13	98%
2018/09/29	11	3%	8 407 740.67	3%	331	97%	240 320 041.91	97%

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# Infrastructure Update: the pulse of Engineering and Construction



Compiled by Alfred Nhlapo



## President Ramaphosa unveils new national infrastructure fund

In a landmark announcement as part of new economic stimulus package, President Cyril Ramaphosa has announced the establishment of a new infrastructure fund that will serve as a rock-bed for the implementation of infrastructure projects in South Africa. The fund will be managed through a model similar to a Public-Private-Partnership and will also invite Development Finance Institutes to take part in the drive to invest billions of rand worth of capital.

The fund management team will be drawn from both the public sector and its private sector counterparts. The president's announcement was part of the government stimulus package aimed at turning the fortunes of the economy for the better. Infrastructure development is one of the key anchors of the new package – **Editorial Comment**



## Construction of 140MW Kangas Windfarm Megaproject starts in earnest

Construction Review reports that the outlay of a 140MW windfarm megaproject known as Kangas is set to soon commence in earnest. The windfarm consists of 4 projects covering a distance of 52 kilometres and is expected to supply 120 000 homes worth of electricity upon completion. The project is based in the Northern Cape – **Construction Review**

[https://constructionreviewonline.com/2018/09/south-africa-to-start-construction-of-kangas-wind-farm/?utm\\_source=Magazine+Offers&utm\\_campaign=31dd92fd69-newsletter\\_COPY\\_157&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a89c87e295-31dd92fd69-161798457](https://constructionreviewonline.com/2018/09/south-africa-to-start-construction-of-kangas-wind-farm/?utm_source=Magazine+Offers&utm_campaign=31dd92fd69-newsletter_COPY_157&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a89c87e295-31dd92fd69-161798457)



## 13-Trade Artisan Development Programme piloted by Higher Education Dept.

The Higher Education authorities in South Africa have reportedly launched a 13-trade artisan development pilot programme that will feed in the country's infrastructure development industry under the auspices of the National Infrastructure Plan currently underway. – **Engineering News**

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