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Orion Minerals to sponsor Olympic sprint hopeful

Johannesburg (21 June 2021) – Orion is very pleased to confirm that it will be sponsoring Prieska sprinter Chederick van Wyk as he works towards selection for South Africa's 4x100m men's relay team – and other possible sprint entries – at the Tokyo Olympic Games scheduled from 23 July to 8 August this year. Orion's sponsorship will allow Chederick to travel to Italy this month for a critical pre-Olympics camp.

This sponsorship forms the first phase of what Orion hopes will be a long relationship between the company and Chederick, who will become a sports ambassador for the Siyathemba community, especially for the young people of Siyathemba.

Chederick's message to the Siyathemba community is that "It is important to work hard and use your talents when you follow your dreams. I am inspired by all those in the community who talk to me about what my running means to them, and the impact that I can have on their lives. If I make it to the Olympic relay team in Tokyo, I will be running for all of them, for all of Prieska and Siyathemba – as well as for all of South Africa. All my training, and all the hard work – the results will be for them".

Confirming the sponsorship, Orion CEO Errol Smart emphasised the importance of Chederick's role "We know that sports can mean so much to so many people, from all backgrounds, and never more than in an Olympic year. And this is no normal Olympic year – these Games should have happened in 2020. However, COVID-19 disrupted those plans, as it has disrupted so many lives across the world. We are very proud of Chederick and how hard he has worked despite the uncertainty and the disruption. To run a 4x100m qualifying time despite this, and to be in line for selection to the relay team, is an incredible achievement – and we wish him all the very best".

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Chederick van Wyk on the track