

Prieska Copper Zinc Mine

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Orion Minerals

As Orion, we remain committed to creating as many opportunities as we can to engage and work with the communities that host us.

Local business task team and stakeholder engagement forums get to business for 2022

The Task Team nominated at the collaborative Bosberaad held last year 6-7 October 2021, met for the first time last week. The Bosberaad set targets for increasing local employment and procurement from the Prieska Copper-Zinc Mine Project. The Task Team was given the responsibility of developing an implementation and monitoring plan. Being the first meeting, the business of how the Task Team will function was discussed. The Task Team will meet again shortly and will now start putting together the roadmap for local participation.

The Orion Siyathemba Stakeholder Engagement Forum (SEF) also met last week. The forum was well attended with representatives from Council, law enforcement, community interest groups, Orion management and shareholders. The SEF members will be reporting back to everyone over the next few weeks.

Both these platforms are aiming to make sure that the communities of Siyathemba and Van Wyksvlei have meaningful participation in the economic development brought about by the Prieska Copper-Zinc Mine.



Operator Assessment to prepare for underground mining

Dover Testing for underground mining took place last week with 40 candidates from Prieska,

Marydale, Niekerkshoop and Van Wyksvlei assessed. The Dover Test is used to test natural ability to operate certain machinery. This test will help select candidates who will be considered for further development and possible employment at the mining operations. Well-done Siyathemba on your participation!

What goals did the Bosberaad commit to?

The Bosberaad of 6 to 7 October 2021, set aspirational targets of 50% local employment, 30% local procurement and 40% contracting opportunities as the Prieska Copper-Zinc Mine.

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SO, WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW?

To test if mining at the Prieska Mine can start earlier than planned, underground drilling is planned to start in February and will continue until June 2022. Murray & Roberts interviewed candidates from the Orion database and is employing 5 people from Siyathemba. These community members will be exposed to specialist underground drilling. This drilling will test the grade and extent of the mineral deposit to mine and will test the stability of the underground mine. Murray & Roberts will also be providing underground competency training for an additional 6 community members during the drill program and, together with Orion, will be offering 10 learnership opportunities at the Murray & Roberts Training Centre later in the year.