



Orion Minerals

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Orion Minerals continues to engage with NababEEP Community

Orion Minerals held an open community meeting in NababEEP on 12 November, engaging with around 200 residents on the progress and future plans of the company's Okiep Copper Project.

During the meeting, Orion representatives answered questions from community members further fostering transparent and honest communication with the community who showed great enthusiasm for the project.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to introduce members of Orion's management team, who shared insights into their roles and responsibilities. A detailed update was also given on the mine's progress, with Orion confirming

that all necessary permits have been received and that they plan to begin the construction phase next year.

Orion said that the prospects for copper mining in the region will remain very promising for several years to come.

Community members were optimistic and eager for the mine's operations to begin, recognising the potential for economic upliftment and job creation.

Orion assured attendees that they would maintain open lines of communication and continue to provide regular updates as the project progresses. This meeting marks another milestone in Orion's commitment to building strong, transparent relationships with its host communities.



Creating positive change for the youth in the community

Orion Minerals assisted the Nababeep and Bulletrap communities to establish youth forums to help the young people in the community with social issues.

The Nababeep Youth Forum will address critical social issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, while also creating opportunities for skills development and community engagement. The Bulletrap Youth Development Forum focuses on uniting the youth to become agents of change in their village, tackling the root causes of poverty and creating pathways for long-term progress.

Orion believes it is critical to support and empower young people in its host communities because they hold the key to a better future. High unemployment rates and these social challenges highlight the need to support the youth and ensure they take ownership of their lives and become active contributors to their community.



Nababeep Youth Forum



Bulletrap Youth Forum

These forums also provide spaces for young people to access training, information, and tools to improve their lives and provide hope to the community.

If you are interested in getting involved in the youth centres, please visit the Orion Community Liaison Office in Springbok.

A journey of learning and growth - Meet our geology intern, Carmenlite van Wyk

Carmenlite van Wyk, who joined Orion Minerals on a one-year geology internship in January 2024, was born and raised in Okiep, Northern Cape.

With a strong academic background, including a master's degree in Bsc Applied Geology, Carmenlite is passionate about growing her expertise. Carmenlite saw the role advertised by Orion on an online advert on social media and applied through the company's portal on the website.

At Orion, she enjoys expanding her knowledge in both mining and exploration. As part of the exploration team, she has been actively involved in geological surveys, rock and mineral analysis, and learning to interpret geological data. Carmenlite also oversees drilling operations, contributes to

project planning and management, and takes on-site assessments – gaining valuable practical experience that both motivates and excites her.



Carmenlite is a valued member of the Orion team, and we look forward to her advancing further in her career!

Be responsible this holiday season



Every year, around three million people lose their lives due to alcohol abuse, representing 5% of all deaths, according to the World Health Organisation. This is a frightening statistic, given that South Africa is a country that faces high levels of binge drinking and its associated harms.

Alcohol abuse is one of the main contributors to crime, especially gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) in South Africa. Let us all make it our duty to report incidents of GBVF, alcohol-related and other crimes, to law enforcement authorities.

Effects of alcohol on the body:

- Stretching and drooping of heart muscle
- Irregular heartbeat leading to heart attack
- Stroke
- High blood pressure
- Fatty liver
- Fibrosis
- Thickening and scarring of tissue
- Liver damage
- Head, neck, liver, breast and colon or rectum cancer
- Weakened immune system, making it easier for diseases to attack your body

With the holiday season fast approaching, here are some ideas to drink responsibly:

- Never drink and drive or jaywalk
- Try a low-alcohol or alcohol-free alternative
- If you are going to drink, nominate a designated sober driver
- Alternate between alcohol and juice, soft drinks or water
- Eat before and/or during drinking
- Limit your drinks and keep track of how many drinks you are having or have had

If you need help, or know of someone who might, please contact:

- Alcoholics Anonymous – **0861 4357 22**
- South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) – **011 262 6396**
- Tough Love – **0861 868 445**
- Life Line – **0861 322 322**
- Al-Anon – **031 304 1826**

At Orion Minerals, we are committed to keeping everyone on site safe. As such, our zero tolerance for alcohol and drug consumption on-site and during any of our training sessions is to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all our employees and trainees.

**We appreciate your cooperation and wish you and your family
safe and happy holidays!**