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Since the awarding of the mining right through the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR), Vuna Mining Enterprises (Pty) Ltd (Vuna), jointly owned by Vuna Coal Holding (Pty) Ltd (51%) and Coal of Africa Limited (49%), embarked on sustainable, legacy projects within the labour sending area.

DMR awarded Vuna the mining right to mine coal at the Vuna Colliery which is situated on Farm Zonnebloem within the Steve Tshwete Municipality of the Nkangala District in the Mpumalanga Province.

As part of the approved Social Labour Planning (SLP), Vuna undertook to implement a range of local economic development (LED) and human resource development (HRD) programmes within the local labour sending areas. These programmes included, amongst others, the Whole School Transformation Programme at the Middleburg Combined School and the Batlage Primary School.

Implementation of the programmes resulted in Vuna funding the establishment of a fully-fitted state of the art Mathematics Computer Laboratory for the Middleburg Combined School. The handover ceremony will take place on Thursday, the 25 July 2013 at 10h00 with key stakeholders including the Mayor, the Circuit Managers and the Circuit Principals from the Department of Education as well as DMR in attendance to celebrate the handing over of the new facility to the school.

Later in the day, Vuna will hold a Sod Turning Ceremony at the Batlagae Primary School to mark the commencement of the building project. Co-operation between Corobrik and Vuna will result in the construction of ten additional classrooms at the Batlagae Primary School. Vuna will contribute at least four million rand for the construction and outfitting of seven new classrooms at the primary school phase and three (3) classrooms which will form part of the new Grade R pre-primary phase. The Batlagae Primary School also expects to receive approximately forty eight new ablution facilities, courtesy of the Rotary Club.

In terms of further infrastructure development projects planned by Vuna at the Middleburg Combined School, the company entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Education, Nkangala District and facilitated a process where the Department of Education will construct forty two new classrooms, thirty additional ablution facilities and a new Grade R Centre comprising two classrooms, a small office block and a play center. Vuna will implement the ancillary infrastructure development work including the construction and fitment of the school hall and the possible rehabilitation of the school's sports field. Vuna's investment at this school is expected to be approximately four million rand.

Vuna is of the view that the planned sustainable interventions, implemented with the appropriate strategic partnerships, will enhance the education facilities within the province and will similarly have the effect of bringing about lasting change within the local labour sending areas.

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