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DEDECT drives compliance and empowerment under Thuntsha Lerole

The Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT) is executed its dual mandate of regulatory compliance and economic empowerment as part of the provincial Thuntsha Lerole Accelerated Service Delivery programme taking place on 24 October 2025 within the Madibeng Local Municipality.

Today, DEDECT spearheaded an environmental compliance inspection at a chrome wash plant in Hartbeespoort. This operation focused on monitoring the facility's adherence to a previous compliance directive issued following a February inspection. The initial investigation found the plant was non-compliant with environmental legislation, specifically due to the unauthorised clearing of indigenous vegetation in a Critical Biodiversity Area.

DEDECT Environmental Compliance, confirmed that while the Section 24G process of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) is ongoing and until the plant regularises its activities and the necessary Section 24G application process is concluded, its operations cannot continue.

This intervention is aimed at persuing local economic benefits from the plant, such as job creation and skills development, all within the confines of environmental law.

In another Thuntsha Lerole engagement, Women entrepreneurs who own Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Madibeng received accredited certificates after successfully completing a DEDECT business and financial management training programme.

The training, a key initiative delivered in partnership with the Madibeng Local Municipality, aims to equip women with the necessary skills to strategically grow and manage their businesses effectively. The certificates were officially handed over at the DEDECT Brits office, officiated by Mr. Mojalefa Nale (CEO) and Mr. Thapelo Mokotedi from the NWDC, alongside Madibeng LED Director Ms. Seithati Monyake.

This initiative underscores the commitment of the provincial and local government to supporting women in business, ensuring they are positioned for success and play a vital role in the economy of the North West Province.

By conducting crucial compliance checks and simultaneously investing in local business skills, DEDECT is implementing the Thuntsha Lerole programme to foster a North West economy that is both vibrant and environmentally responsible.

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