

Greater Tzaneen Municipality

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MEC MOKONE AND MAYOR MANGENA VISIT NKOWANKOWA INDUSTRIAL PARK



The MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Thabo Mokone, and the Mayor of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, Councillor Maripe Mangena visited Nkowankowa Industrial Park to engage with businesses and to identify challenges faced by businesses currently utilizing the park.

During the visit, unstable electricity supply and water disruptions were raised as major issues affecting productivity in the park. Electricity outages and load-shedding adversely affect sustainability and growth. The park employs 3600 workers both permanent and seasonal.

Botma Grobler, the owner of BS Dried Fruit which employs over 150 workers says that an unstable water supply forces him to buy water from private water providers which costs him more. He pleaded with MEC Mokone and Mayor Mangena to intervene.

Mokone also raised concerns about the state of roads leading to the industrial park as well as the condition of some of the streets within the industrial park. He promised to engage with all relevant stakeholders to address the problem. The entourage also visited Papperdew International which employs over 1000 workers, Akani Paint, Group T mining, and Nkowankowa Training Center.

The industrial was upgraded in 2019 at the value of R40 million by the Department of Trade and Industry as part of the government's industrial Park Revitalization Programme. Upgrades of the first phase of Nkowankowa Industrial Park included the renovation of some warehouses; installation of a CCTV system, fence, pedestrian and vehicular gates, as well high mast lights.

