

Headline: Caring for the environment

AVE: R 2,841.56

Publication: Comaro Chronicle

Size: 19.67cm x 10.63cm

Date: 2010/12/15

Circulation: 21031

Readership: 21530

Page: 3

Type: A4 - Landscape



Caring for the environment

Jonathan Perrin

AFRISAM has committed itself to cleaning up the damages made to their immediate environment that was caused by mining projects done during the 1980's.

Residents residing in the Eagle's Nest and Olifantsvlei areas complained about the dust coming from the quarry as well as the open spaces that are a real eyesore.

Afrisam has started a rehabilitation programme where the open spaces will be shaped back into the natural contours of the land.

The second step will be to re-seed the land and the third step to plant indigenous trees and even introduce some game at a later stage.

"The residents of the area, and myself, approached them a few months ago requesting that they clean up the boundaries of the quarry as the dust coming from, and the view of, the quarry coming from the Eikenhof side was a disaster.

"The quarry owners over the last few months, at great cost to themselves, (when one considers the previous owners of the quarry were responsible for the problem), have gone out of their way to resolve this issue.

"This will take a few years to resolve but the rehabilitation has started taking place. All credit must be given to Willem Hatting and his staff," councillor Paul Smit said at the site where the staff are busy rehabilitating the land.



The piece of land which is being rehabilitating to its former state.