

AfriSam donates R1.2 million hall to Rooikoppie community

Friday, 9 October 2009 – Residents of Rooikoppie township today celebrated the launch of their brand new community hall, funded, built and handed over by leading black-controlled construction materials group, AfriSam.

The hall will serve as a multi-purpose centre for nearly 300 families living in the township.

“This project will help to keep the youth off the streets as they will now have a central place where they can meet for recreational and other extra-mural activities,” says Martha Louw, Mayor of Dikgatlong Municipality.

The hall boasts some brand new furniture, a well-equipped kitchen as well as ablution facilities.

“We are proud to unveil this facility and to share in the celebrations with the people of Rooikoppie,” says Hannes Meyer, General Manager for AfriSam Ulco.

“This initiative is in line with our Corporate Social Responsibility mission to understand the needs of society and communities in areas where we do business in order to make meaningful and sustainable contributions to their upliftment.”

Construction of the R1.2 million hall kick-started with a sod-turning ceremony, held in June 2008.

The hall was built by Small, Medium and Micro sized Enterprises (SMMEs) from the local community and created employment and skills development opportunities during its construction.

"This is not a once-off, short-term project for AfriSam – we are fully committed to improving the livelihood of communities around us and continue to embark on social projects here and in other provinces," concludes Meyer.

Note to editors:

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AfriSam is the leading black-controlled building construction materials group in southern Africa. With operations in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland, the company has total assets in excess of R3.7 billion, over 2000 employees and an annual production capacity of 4.6 million tons of cement.

It has 6 production facilities, 9 cement depots, 16 quarries and aggregate operations, 40 readymix concrete plants as well as a dedicated Slagment plant. The company has a 62.5 percent interest in Tanzania-based and listed, Tanga Cement Company.

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