# LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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## OUR VISION

To build a vibrant city and be the energy hub of Africa.

## OVERVIEW

Lephalale Local Municipality (LLM) is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in the country and governs a town that has the potential of becoming the future hub of power generation in South Africa.

The Waterberg coalfields, which boast more than 40% of the total coal reserves of South Africa, surround Lephalale and have brought an influx of mining companies to the area. The construction of the Medupi Power Station is at an advanced stage and, with Matimba Power Station, is adding electricity to the national grid.

## THE HEARTBEAT OF THE WATERBERG

Nestled at the spur of the Waterberg Mountains, Lephalale is a place of peace and breathtaking beauty. Highlights like the awe-inspiring D'Nyala Nature Reserve, Marakele National Park and the spectacular Mokolo Dam and Nature Reserve underscore why Lephalale is called 'the heartbeat of the Waterberg bushveld'. As part of the Waterberg biosphere, the Lephalale area is richly blessed with pristine natural beauty and an abundance of fauna and flora. Geological sites and rock art are a strong drawcard for the region, suggesting its links to many previous generations.

## FINANCIALLY VIABLE

Lephalale Municipality received an unqualified audit opinion and a SALGA award for an improved audit outcome for the 2013/2014 financial year, and is committed to working towards a clean audit. The Municipality's cash reserves are strong enough to ensure a current ratio of 3:1, higher than the norm of 2:1.

## KEY ECONOMIC PROJECTS

### SERVICE DELIVERY

Lephalale Municipality is committed to building a better future for all. It is the aim to continually improve on service delivery. Currently, the percentage of households with access to basic-level electricity is 91.7%, i.e. 27 428.

The percentage of households with access to basic-level sanitation is 94%, i.e. 28 108. The percentage of households with access to basic-level water is 94.5%, i.e. 28 208. The percentage of households with access to basic-level solid waste removal is at 70%.

### KEY ECONOMIC PROJECTS

- Eskom's Medupi Power Station
- Mokolo Crocodile River Water Augmentation Project phase 1 & 2
- Resource Generation (Resgen) has also announced ambitious projects for Waterberg. The Boikarabelo mine will produce 6Mt/year when completed.
- Exxaro Expansion — Exxaro's opencast Grootegeluk multiproduct mine is being expanded to supply coal to Eskom's Medupi Power Station.
- Tom Burke 60 MW Solar Photovoltaic Plant
- Waterberg Coal is planning to build a mine that will supply 10Mt/year to Eskom over a 30-year period.
- Thabametsi, Exxaro's new proposed mine, could supply up to 17Mt/year to power stations.
- Future mining projects include Vendanta, Temo, Sasol, Ferrum Crescent (Moonlight) and Glenover.
- LLM is working with several stakeholders to establish agricultural projects that transfer skills to local farmers to create sustainable farming enterprises. An Agricultural Master Plan is being developed in partnership with Exxaro and Eskom-Medupi.
- Included in National Government's Special Infrastructure Project 1
- Rail — Transnet has committed to a phase 1 upgrade of the existing railway line.
- Road Agency Limpopo, Exxaro and Lephalale Local Municipality entered into a partnership to reconstruct 47,6km of road that services around 18 000 people in rural areas, which covers three wards in Lephalale.

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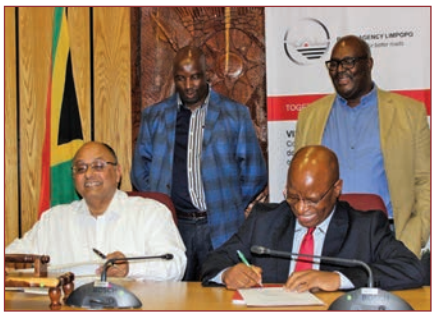

*Above from left: A Memorandum of Agreement between Road Agency Limpopo, Exxaro, the Department of Public Works and the Lephalale Municipality was signed underwriting the upgrade of roads in the Lephalale area to the value of R234 million; Municipal officials visit homes in Marapong during a door-to-door water conservation campaign; Lephalale Municipality.*