

Sasol based Chemicals company helps to deliver 500 000 litres of hand sanitisers to SA

A coordinated effort to deliver thousands of litres of hand sanitiser to healthcare facilities and areas in need across South Africa has allowed integrated chemicals and energy company Sasol to not only provide much-needed protection against contamination, but also helped create jobs through KSM Chemical Solutions, the company tasked to manufacture the vital product. Since partnering with the petrochemical Sasol to produce laboratory tested

alcohol-based sanitiser, the Sasolburg-based KSM Chemicals company has been able to ramp up its production up to 5 000 litres of sanitiser a day within its first week of production. This has since increased production to the current level of 10 000 litres a day. To date, KSM has produced half a million litres of hand sanitiser, which has been distributed to NGOs such as Gift of the Givers Charities Aid Foundation and to hospitals in Gauteng among them Chris Hani Baragwanath

Hospital, Charlotte Maxeke Hospital, Helen Joseph Hospital, Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital and Leratong Hospital. The latter was in partnership with Anglo Ashanti, the Imperial Group, and Sibanye Gold. KSM was established in 2015 and was incubated at the Sasol Business Incubation facility in Sasolburg for a year. The company began processing and recycling used oil from local McDonald's franchises to make biodiesel and produced cleaning

products for Sasol's plant. The business grew to five employees just prior to the lockdown but was forced to close its doors along with hundreds of thousands of other businesses around the country. "The lockdown, however, was a blessing in disguise because we have been working 10-to-12-hour days throughout and our business has grown to 7 people, with more to come" said one of its founder Kelvin Jacobs.



INAUGURAL MAYORAL INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR MALUTI-A-PHOFUNG



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In its determination to bolster economic growth and to unlock the entrepreneurial potential of its locale, the Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality has taken a decision to establish the Mayoral Investment Advisory Committee. A list of eleven (11) knowledgeable individuals from a broad spectrum of fields and industries, who will sit in the inaugural Mayoral Investment Advisory Committee has already been finalised and approved by the Council last month. And the first meeting is set to be next month. The Committee will be chaired by the Executive Mayor of Maluti-a-Phofung, Councillor Masetjhaba-Lakaje Mosia. The Committee will be assisting the municipality in addressing the challenges that are central to the attraction of investment and economic growth of the area of Maluti-a-Phofung. With the establishment of the Committee the municipality is taking an inclusive approach to involve other stakeholders, the private sector and capable personalities to play a pivotal role in the success of sustainable economic development and growth. According to the Municipal Manager Futhuli Tseko Mothamaha, the Mayoral Investment Advisory Committee will comprise of the political leadership of the municipality, municipal management team, professionals from different sectors as well as other government entities. "The municipality identified gaps that hinder both the development and the growth of the economy and it is imperative that other

stakeholders are also brought on board to tackle the challenges that obstruct the economic development," he said. Maluti-a-Phofung is faced with the challenges of, among others, high rate of unemployment, low economic growth and sustainability of industries, high poverty levels, inadequate supply of energy and water, vulnerable economic streams as well as access to funding by SMMEs. This situation has been further worsened by the outbreak of Covid-19. In exploring the ways through which the municipality can mitigate the situation, the Committee is expected to play a key role in terms of providing strategic guidance in unlocking economic opportunities and luring investment into the area of Maluti-a-Phofung. It will look at the attainment of sustainable and inclusive economic growth, sustainable and strategic infrastructure development, economic transformation, job creation, investment leveraging and the comprehensive marketing of the municipality. The Committee is also intended to develop an understanding business climate in terms of market related forces and industry trends, and also to make strategic inputs on bankable value propositions that will respond accurately to problem statements around economic growth, transformation, job creation and strategic infrastructure investment. The Committee's term of office will be for one year.