

# ABC Motsepe League programme likely to resume soon

By Frank Mavhungu

Following several letters written to them by the various provincial leagues, the South African Football Association (SAFA) has given an update regarding the possible resumption of amateur football activities in the country. After realizing that time was fast running out for them, the affiliates of the Limpopo Stream of the ABC Motsepe League gathered at the Seshego Stadium Auditorium two weeks ago

to discuss the way forward regarding the resumption of the league programme for the current season.

In that meeting, the representatives from the 16 clubs unanimously agreed that failure to resume with their league programme as a matter of urgency would do them more harm than good. They then wrote a letter to SAFA, requesting their mother body to consider giving them the green light to resume with the league programme.

In the letter, the clubs

assured the country's football controlling body that they were ready to complete the reimagining fixtures for the current season under strict health protocols. More letters were written to the various municipalities applying for assistance in terms of the provision of personal protective equipment (PPEs).

When responding to the letters from the various provincial leagues, SAFA indicated that they were equally concerned about the current state of affairs. They stated that they

had submitted a request to the government for the resumption of amateur football under level two.

SAFA warned clubs, however, that amateur football would remain suspended until communicated otherwise.

"The South African Football Association has submitted a request for the resumption of amateur football under level 2 to the government in line

with regulations gazetted on 17 August 2020. As soon as the government approves the application, the association shall communicate with all stakeholders on commencement dates and processes," reads an extract from the letter written to the provincial leagues.

Should they fail to resume with the league programme in the coming weeks, the ABC Motsepe League will not pro-

mote teams to the professional division.

The Premier Soccer League (PSL) is set to start with activities for the new season over the weekend of 9 and 10 October. Mkhado FC were leading the Limpopo Stream for the ABC Motsepe League when the league programme came to a halt as a result of the nationwide lockdown towards the end of March.



The Limpopo Stream ABC Motsepe League pace setters, Mkhado FC.

## Solly Luvhengo in Munaca's hot seat

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As part of their preparations for the new season, the ABC Motsepe League side, Munaca FC, roped in the services of the former assistant coach of Black Leopards FC, Mr Solly Luvhengo. According to the club's spokesperson, Mr Mike Muzila, the deal was concluded on Monday. Muzila said that Luvhengo had been mandated to ensure that the team feature among the top eight at the end of the current season.

He further stated that Luvhengo's second mandate was to take the team to the GladAfrica Championship League at the end of next season. Muzila revealed that after scrutinizing Luvhengo's curriculum vitae, they clearly felt he was the right person for the job. At the age of 49, Luvhengo has already contributed a lot to football.

He was appointed the head coach for the national U/12 team in 2000. The team

won a gold medal under his guidance in France two years later. Luvhengo, a resident of Shayandima, was appointed head coach for the U/14 national team in 2007. He later joined the National First Division side, Polokwane City FC, as the team's head coach in 2008.

After parting ways with Polokwane City, Luvhengo came back home to join Black Leopards, where he was an assistant coach for one season. His next stop was at Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila FC (TTM) where he was appointed a technical director. He joined the GladAfrica Championship side, TS Sporting, at the beginning of this season.

His relationship with TS Sporting came to an end

three months ago. During an interview with the Limpopo Mirror, Luvhengo thanked the management of Munaca FC for the trust and confidence they had in him. Munaca FC bought the ABC Motsepe League franchise from Ndengeza FC early this year. The team is currently lying in the 12th position on the log.



Mr Solly Luvhengo. Photo supplied.



Insurance company Sanlam donated 500 face masks, 25 litres of sanitizer and two thermometers to the Musina Municipality a fortnight ago. Photographed during the donation were, from left to right, Mulalo Mphedu from Sanlam, Musina Mayor Mihloti Muhlope, Musina Speaker Gilbert Netshisaulu, Musina Chief Whip Fistos Mafela, Janine Smith from Sanlam and the senior manager of corporate services at Musina Municipality, Simon Peta.

## Who is Mr Risimati George Kubayi?

By Frank Mavhungu

The president of SAFA Vhembe Regional Football Association, Mr Risimati George Kubayi, is arguably one of the best football administrators this country has ever produced. According to him, his love of football dates back to the days when he was a primary school child. At that stage he was a loyal fan of the three local soccer teams, Ribola Fast Eleven, Machisa Mountain Swallows and Chavani Black Stars.

Born at Chavani village outside Elim on 15 August 1960, Kubayi's life as a player started when he joined Bokisi Blue Spurs FC, where he soon became the captain of the team. After passing Grade 10, Kubayi left playing to pursue a career in football refereeing. Kubayi singled out the legendary football administrator, Mr Ephraim Singo, as a person who played a major role towards his development.

He revealed that Mr Singo was the one who advised him to register for a diploma in refereeing with the University of

Venda. Apart from the refereeing diploma from Univen, Mr Kubayi is also equipped with certificates in Basic Coaching and Youth Development Training. He also attended a FIFA Futura Level 3 course, which was conducted by the world-acclaimed instructor, Mr Ashford Mamelodi, from Botswana.

After completing his Grade 12, Kubayi went to the University of Limpopo, where he was appointed the general secretary of referees for the University Football League. He later came back home to become the chairman of the then Hlanganani Football Association (HFA). When the HFA merged with the Makhado Local Football Association, Kubayi became the acting chairman of the association.

When SAFA restructured the provinces into the current 52 regions, Kubayi was tasked with the responsibility to lead the process of dividing the Great North East Province (GNEP) into two regions, the current SAFA Vhembe and SAFA Mopani. In 2002, he established a football club called Mahlari Football Club, which

was affectionately known as "The Gunners".

After successfully dividing the province into regional football associations, Mr Kubayi was left out in the cold as he was not absorbed into the new structures. He concentrated on the administration of his own soccer team, Mahlari FC, for several years until he resurfaced in 2010. That was the year in which he was elected the president of the SAFA Vhembe Regional Association, the position he is holding to date.



George Kubayi

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

#### EIA PHASE FOR THE APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND CHANGE OF LAND USE FOR THE PROPOSED MUSINA-MAKHADO SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE (SEZ), LIMPOPO PROVINCE

LEDET Reference Number: LIM/EIA/000793/2019

The Limpopo Economic Development Agency proposes to establish a Special Economic Zone with Metallurgical Cluster between Musina and Makhado, therefore, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has thus been undertaken according to the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and in terms of Section 24 (5) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998). The Scoping Phase of the project was successfully completed and accepted by LEDET on 30 May 2019 and was followed by an impact assessment of issues identified during scoping. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been compiled.

#### DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and public participation process, you are invited to review the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report. This report includes the public participation and impact assessment carried out during the EIA phase of the project; the report also includes proposed mitigation measures for potential impacts identified during the study. A draft Environmental Management Programme (EMP) accompanies this draft report. The report will be available for review from 1 September 2020 to 22 October 2020 at the following public places:

| Venue                                       | Address   |
|---|---|
| Musina Municipal Office                     | 21 Irwin Street, Musina                                   |
| Makhado Municipal Office                    | 83 Krogh Street, Louis Trichardt                          |
| Mulambwane CPA                              | R525 at Lekkerlag   |
| Delta Built Environment Consultants Offices | Rynlal Building 320 The Hillside Road, Lynnwood, Pretoria |
| Delta Built Environment Consultants website | www.deltabec.com  |
| Limpopo Economy Development Agency website  | www.lieda.co.za   |

Please submit your written comments on this draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report by no later than 22 October 2020 to the public participation consultants below.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

All individuals or groups interested in or affected by the project are invited to attend Public Meetings to be held for this phase of the project. It is to be held at the following venues:

| Date              | Time          | Venue   |
|-------------------|---------------|---|
| 14 September 2020 | 10:00 – 12:00 | Nancefield Old Community Hall                         |
| 14 September 2020 | 15:00 – 17:00 | Mulambwane Lekkerlag                                  |
| 15 September 2020 | 10:00 – 12:00 | Waterpoort School next to the Police station          |
| 15 September 2020 | 15:00 – 17:00 | Makhado Showground                                    |
| 16 September 2020 | 10:00 – 12:00 | Delta Built Environment Consultants Training Facility |

These public meetings will provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with information regarding the proposed project and will provide an opportunity to raise any issues or concerns.

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