



# BRINGING EDUCATION TO THE DOORSTEP OF EMPLOYEES' HOMES: CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

## Waterkloof Hills Estate

Royal Bafokeng Platinum (RBPlat) is proud to have created an enabling environment for its employees to purchase decent and beautiful houses on prime land in Rustenburg, and this is now followed by the development of these state-of-the-art schools. According to the overall plan, other amenities such as health and shopping facilities are soon to follow. Employees are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and purchase the remaining houses in the Estate, so that they too, can enjoy this lifestyle.

The development provides RBPlat employees with the opportunity to own a home in a safe environment, that is likely to provide capital growth as its value appreciates over time. The project has been implemented in phases and employees are assisted in assessing the financial commitments of purchasing a home, as well as the benefits of investing in their own home.

The first phase provided 422 houses of 80m<sup>2</sup> to core skills employees and phase 2 provided 1,153 houses of both 140m<sup>2</sup> and 80m<sup>2</sup>. By 2020, there were 1,404 families living on the Estate which has reliable electricity, running water, adequate sanitation and is safe and secure. Shopping, health and educational facilities are also part of the long-term master plan to ensure residents are afforded a quality lifestyle.

## Primary and secondary schools

In 2019, RBPlat commenced engagements with the North West Department of Education to build two schools (primary and secondary) on a portion of land on the Estate and agreed on the financial obligations, contractual matters, as well as key governance principles.



Royal Bafokeng Platinum (RBPlat) is a midtier platinum group metals (PGMs) producer originating from a joint venture between Anglo American Platinum and Royal Bafokeng Holdings (RBH) known as the Bafokeng Rasimone Platinum Mine Joint Venture (BRPM JV).

RBPlat mines platinum group metals in the Merensky and UG2 reefs on the Boschkoppe, Styldrift and Frischgewaagd farms in the Rustenburg area which have been identified as hosting the last undeveloped Merensky reef on the Western limb of the Bushveld complex. RBPlat's assets are the only known significant shallow high grade Merensky resources and reserves still available for mining in South Africa.

# Case Study



Waterkloof Hills Estate, Rustenburg, South Africa

The civil works commenced in the latter part of 2020 and the construction of the school buildings was completed in 2021. The project team consisting of representatives from both the North West Department of Education and RBPlat have been working closely together to ensure the successful completion of the schools. Both the primary and secondary schools will be ready to commence with classes at the beginning of 2022.

The primary school consists of 36 classrooms and the secondary school 31 classrooms. Each school has offices for teachers and administrative staff, a library, laboratory, sports fields and a school hall that can be utilized by both schools and by the community. In 2022, the first year of operation,

the primary school will have Grade R to Grade 4 and the secondary school will have Grade 8 and 9. The schools will build up progressively to the other grades in the following years to eventually accommodate 1,000 learners each, when fully operational.

RBPlat is proud to have successfully completed the construction of the schools as this is an important milestone in the continued development of Waterkloof Hills Estate. It will also contribute to the quality of life of all the residents, and provide a much-needed education facility for the children of the residents of the Estate, in close proximity to their homes.