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## SOUTH32 SUPPORTS KWAZULU-NATAL WATER HARVESTING PROJECT

South32's Hillside Aluminium operation, in partnership with the South African Red Cross Society KwaZulu-Natal and the Umhlathuze local municipality, have launched a Water Harvesting Project to support the provision of water services and education in Umhlathuze, KwaZulu-Natal.

The strategic partnership aims to address the shortage of water in KwaZulu-Natal and to educate the community on water conservation, water treatment and health care.

South32 Vice President Operations Hillside, Noel Pillay, said water was a valuable resource that needed to be managed carefully to ensure that it is available and suitable for use at every level of society.

"We all share our water resources, and we're all responsible for them," Mr Pillay said.

"As a proud partner in this project we are pleased to play our part by funding R1 million for the provision and installation of 135 water tanks, which will improve water access for local communities in the Umhlathuze area.

"The funding will also go towards educational programmes that aim to educate the local community on topics such as water conservation, improving water health, and hygiene and sanitation practices."

In September 2016, South32 opened a desalination plant in Richards Bay, which ensures its Hillside operation has an adequate water supply. The plant also has the capacity to supplement local water supply in times of critical shortage.

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### About South32

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