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SOUTH32 SUPPORTS RECYCLING CENTRE

South32 South Africa Energy Coal has donated two light duty vehicles to the Mpuma Waste Material Primary Co-operative as part of a long-term commitment to support eco-friendly businesses in areas where it operates.

The donation follows a joint initiative in 2014 with the eMalahleni Local Municipality and Department of Environmental Affairs to establish the Co-operative, which has a focus on collecting, sorting, weighing and selling reclaimable waste.

South32 has committed R3.5 million over the next five years to support the establishment and running of the Co-operative as part of South32's Social and Labour Plan. South32 will also provide machinery, tools and furniture, plus market and business support.

The Co-operative will support approximately 35 permanent jobs and provide downstream benefits to hundreds of community members who bring waste to the centre for recycling. It will also offer opportunities to generate income from the sale of bottles, glass and cardboard, whilst having a positive impact on the environment.

Mpuma Waste founding member Godfrey Malaza, said he was encouraged by South32's commitment to the sustainability of the project.

"The donation of the vehicles and South32's ongoing support will enable our company to grow and create more jobs within the next six months," Mr Malaza said.

South32 Vice President for Corporate Affairs, Africa, Lulu Letlape, thanked stakeholders for getting involved in the project and being supportive of the community.

Project stakeholders include the Department of Mineral Resources, eMalahleni Local Municipality, the eMalahleni Waste Management Committee, Department of Environmental Affairs, the Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and local community members.

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