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## WHAT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE IN THE COLLIERY TOWN!?

- Continuous Miner lands in town!!... Underground mining to commence.
- Estates on a "GIJIMA" to upgrade and resuscitate the recreational facilities!

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Our Vision: To be number 1 in coal mining and production of coal related products at the least cost in the region









# **Continuous Miner lands in town!!**



The strategic turnaround of Hwange Colliery Company Limited continues and is gathering momentum with the coal mining giant receiving one of the key machines for its underground mining operations. The equipment was delivered at the mine on Sunday, 13 August 2017. The delivery of the coal extraction machine, acronym CM for Continuous Miner, is a major milestone. The Continuous Miner is the coal extraction machine which works with other machines during production. Delivery of the other machines is expected in the next six weeks. Barring any delays, production is expected to commence in the last quarter of the year. Underground mining operations will enhance the product mix offering of Hwange Colliery, thereby improving the overall profitability and quality of the revenue.

"Underground mining is where we produce high value coking coal, so it will be a good addition to our product mix. It will improve our profitability and add to our volumes," said Engineer Makore.

Hwange Colliery's export quality coking coal will contribute to the company's foreign currency revenues. Hwange Colliery's turnaround strategy is anchored on increasing production and sales as it takes advantage of the recently approved Scheme of Arrangement. The company will continue on this path to make sure that it turns its fortunes and builds on its rich legacy of successful and sustainable operations for over 115 years.

Recently the coal miner selected a European Company to conduct exploration and drilling at its new concession in Western Areas in Hwange. Managing Director Mr Thomas Makore revealed that the company has finished the selection process and is finalising the contract. The new concessions have an estimated underground resource of about one billion tonnes according to preliminary reports.

In an interview with Hwange weekly the Underground Mine Manager, Mr Daniel Mbirikira stressed the importance of resuming the underground operations.

"Right now we are doing preparatory work in the mine dealing with other possible bottlenecks that can affect the production once operations begin. Reconstruction of the conveyor belt is in progress and we are sealing off old mining panels. We are maintaining and managing the water levels so that the mine will not be flooded," said Mr Mbirikira.

Mr Mbirikira also highlighted safety as a paramount feature of underground mining.

"We have successfully managed to bring back the Proto team and fit for operation. We also want to construct a refuge bay," he said.

Underground production foreman, Mr Moses Nyathi expressed gladness on the resumption of operations at underground. "The CM is the heart of the underground mine and we are very happy as the underground team for this progress. This means that the better days are now here and this is a proof that there is now light. We want to thank the MD and his management team for the step they have taken and it shows that they have a better vision of where they want to take us as a company," added Mr Nyathi.

### ESTATES ON A "GIJIMA" TO UPGRADE AND RESUSCITATE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.



The Estates division is embarking on an ambitious drive to spruce up the various sporting and recreational facilities dotted around the coal mining town with a sole aim of ensuring the company employees, their dependants and the community at large have perfect havens to cool off after a day's hard work.

The Estates Manager, Mr Marvin Maseko disclosed in an interview with *Hwange Weekly* that the motive is to ensure that the facilities compliment the company's current turnaround efforts ensuring that employees are refreshed and rejuvenated after a hard days' work.

"We are currently in the first phase of sprucing up our sporting and recreational facilities in the town, work done to date includes the resuscitation of the swimming pool at the Colliery Club, the reconstruction of the Cricket Club and the renovation of the Colliery Club as a whole with the Blackrock bar having been completed and ready to host patrons.

The swimming pool will be ready to use by the end of this month and with the summer approaching I am sure the community will welcome this positive development.

On the cricket club, we are working in partnership with Zimbabwe Cricket as the interest for the sport is huge and it is prudent that as Hwange Colliery we play a pivotal part towards sports development" said Mr Maseko.

Before the end of the year, phase two of the project should have been completed as the local community deserves fun filled, relaxed festive season.

"The next phase will involve work on the Mabhiza Horse Riding Club, No 3 Recreation Club, Hwange Golf Club, Bowling Club and the Tennis Club" added Mr Maseko.

In a related interview, Hwange cricket coach Mr Dennis Gunda welcomed the revival of the cricket club.

"This is a welcome development for the game as the existence of the club will see us get some funding from various mother bodies which will help us send the current squads we have namely Boys U-13, U-14, U16, U-18 and U -23 and Girls U-18 to tournaments out of the town which will give them exposure.

The Colliery deserves special mention for their initiative to resuscitate sporting facilities." said Gunda.







#### YOUTH GAMES KICK OFF POSTPONED TO MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2017

The rebranded Zimbabwe National Youth Games that were meant to roar into life in Matabeleland North province tomorrow have been pushed back to Monday. The technical team is currently finalising venues and facilities to ensure the games are memorable.

### Hwange Key to Agriculture Sector

Harare Agricultural Show 2017

Visitors to Hwange stand will be treated to exciting links in the agriculture. Coal is used in the curing of tobacco and is key in manufacturing. This year Hwange will make it's presence felt through giveaways and radio slots.

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