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From the Managing Director's Desk



Blake Mhathiwa

Pleasant greetings to all HCCL employees. I hope you are in perfect health and that you celebrated the initial months of 2023 in good spirits.

The previous year was a defining period for us as we laid the critical foundation blocks for the future we desire as Hwange Colliery Company, that of being profitable once again and offering greater value to all our shareholders. We met with varying headwinds which necessitated readjusting our own mining operations to contract mining models in order to maintain stable operations and remain a going concern.

I would like to thank you all for your hard work, commitment, and efforts throughout the last year. I am pleased to highlight that we anticipate increased production following the recent acquisition of mining equipment at 3-Main underground mine. Plans are also at

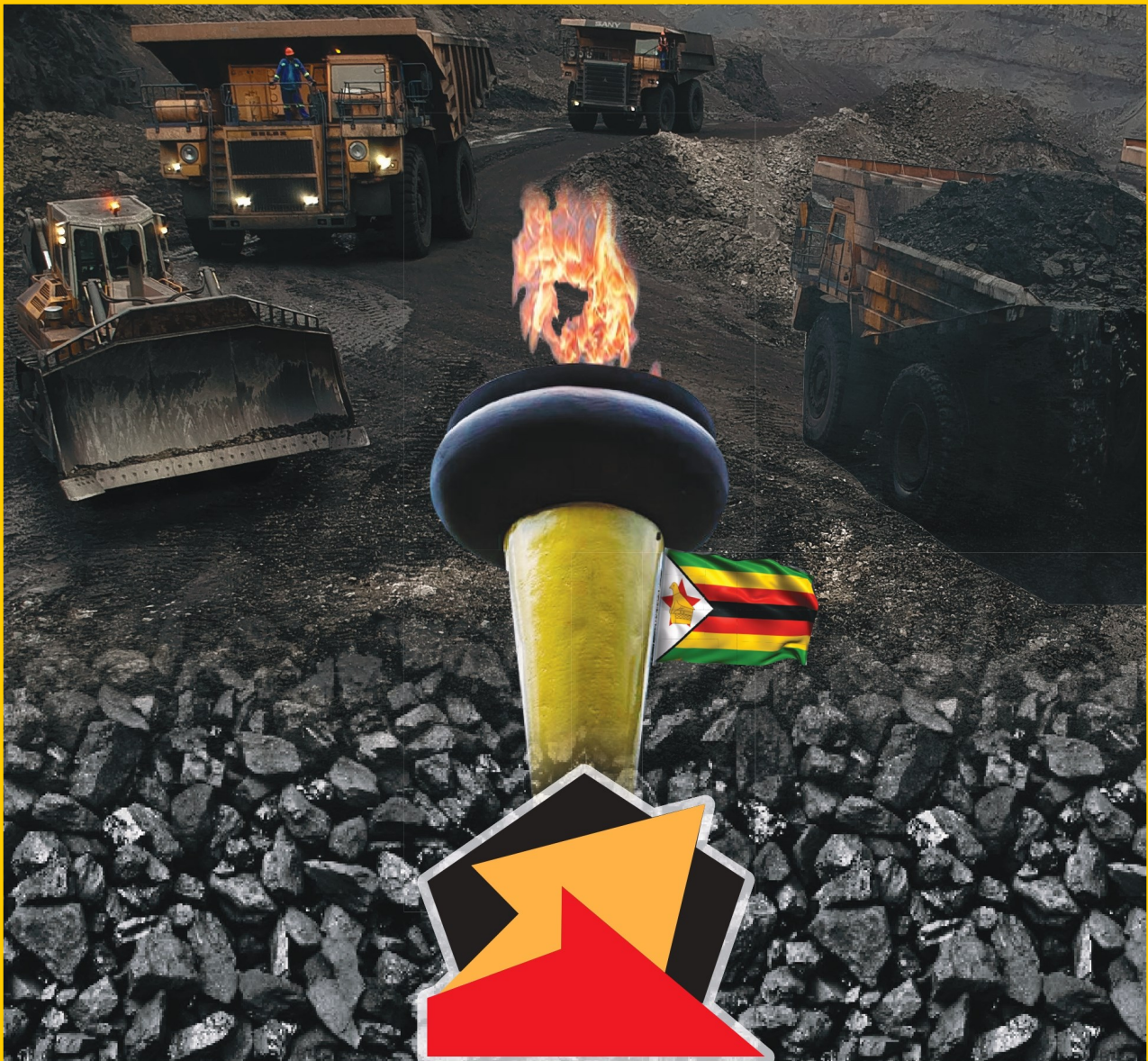
advanced stages to open a new open cast mine this year, which will be further augmented by increased production at Chaba 2 opencast mine.

We are steadily improving our processing capacity for greater efficiency, enhanced sales, and operations companywide because of our dedicated human resource base. I will be visiting all workstations throughout 2023 to link with all staff across all levels and follow up to receive input and feedback on our goals as a team. Your support for our transformation activities across the core mining business, estates, and medical divisions will be vital in achieving set targets for 2023. Thank you for your continued commitment and efforts to revive the company. I have high expectations for all the departments and I am certain that you will achieve your ambitious goals in the year as we all contribute to HCCL 2023 corporate strategic objectives.

I would also like to thank all our stakeholders including customers, suppliers, creditors, contractors, shareholders, Government, banks, line ministries, media and regulatory bodies, for supporting our reconstruction journey.

I urge all our members of staff to actively participate in the organisation's wellness activities and prioritise safety in the workplace so that we prevent and minimise accidents to build further on our zero harm to employees mantra.





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HWANGE COLLIERY DONATES TO COMMUNITY RADIO, LYEJA FM

By Lindani Dube

HWANGE Colliery Company has extended studio building sponsorship in the form of refurbishments and sound-proofing support to the new Hwange community radio station, Lyeja FM.



Estimated at a cost of about US\$11 000, the sponsorship is part of the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities.

In addition, HCCL has waived water and electrical connection costs and provided labor for civil works at the station located at the company's leased building on Pedagogue Road in Hwange town.

Speaking to HCCL Bulletin, Lyeja FM Programmes Manager, Mr Thulani Munyandi, hailed the Colliery for enabling the radio station to meet its deadline for going live.

“As station management we appreciate the good gesture shown to us by Hwange Colliery management and the company at large. The donation by the Colliery assisted the station to meet the deadline,” he said.

“The electricity and water waivers were very much appreciated because as a community radio outlet, there was no way we could have raised the connection fee before we start generating advertising revenue,” said Mr Munyandi.

The radio station went on air on the 16 of December 2022 and can be accessed on FM 107.3



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WE PRIDE ourselves in leading the charge through sustainable coal mining.

OUR PRODUCT MARKETS

Our product markets among others include Zambia, Malawi, DRC, Namibia, Mozambique, South Africa, India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.



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All hands on deck - 5, 1 million tonnes coal target

THE present time buzz phrase at Hwange Colliery Company Limited has been to achieve '5, 1 million tonnes coal sales'.

This is an ambitious yet possible target, that various workstations have been painstakingly strategizing on in terms of how they can also contribute to production and sales by year end. What has been interesting to note is that other departments and sections, who traditionally were not involved in product stimulation or direct sales, have seized the opportunity to step up and lend a hand.

This has indeed set the tone and stage for HCCL to achieve the feat.

Spotted in the field is HCCL Legal Officer, Miss Salome Chichaya, in the company of Dr Beauty Mutombe (Executive Marketing and Corporate Affairs) on a visit to Zimphos recently, working on ensuring the company meets the 5.1 million target. All hands-on deck, together we can make it.



Dr Beauty Mutombe

Salome Chichaya

CHOLERA ALERT

What is Cholera?

It is an acute bacterial enteric disease characterized by watery stool with or without vomiting.



SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- Profuse rice water stool
- Fever
- Abdominal cramps
- Vomiting
- Painful leg cramps

If you experience any of these signs report to nearest Health facility as soon as possible.

For more information contact Health Division on 22271/2 ext. 3036, 3006

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PREVENTION

- Have adequate clean potable water.
 - Boil all drinking water.
- Food safety – food should be cooked adequately.
- Avoid eating unwashed raw food, fruits and vegetables to be thoroughly washed.
 - Eat food whilst it's hot.
 - Food to be kept covered.
- Wash and thoroughly dry all utensils.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after visiting the toilet or changing diapers.
 - Keep food refrigerated if possible.
 - No hand-shaking.
 - No open defecation.



Is 9-year-old Prosper Nyoni the future kingpin of traditional dance in Zimbabwe?

By Tobias Mandoreba

The common adage “dynamite comes in small packages” quickly comes to mind when one follows the meteoric rise to prominence and stardom by Lwendulu Primary School Grade 4 pupil, Prosper Nyoni, in the traditional dancing space.

The talented minor, now called the “Hwange Celebrity” among his peers and the local community, continues to dazzle the scene, especially after his impressive performance at the Jikinya Dance Festival national competitions in Gweru last year.

The Lwendulu Primary traditional dance group came out tops at the festival.

Not only did he illuminate the stage at the Winery Convention Centre to charm the judges who unanimously agreed to confer him with the “Best Dancer of the Competition” award, Prosper also caught the eye of the guest of Honour and Vice President of Zimbabwe, Dr Costantino Guvheya Chiwenga.

Impressed Vice President Chiwenga doubled Lwendulu’s USD\$2 000 prizemoney to make it US\$4 000 and gave a token of US\$300 cash to Prosper for being the best boy dancer.

HCCL Bulletin caught up with Prosper at the school and spoke to him in the presence of his mentor and coach, Michael Kanyika, who is the director of Hwange Colliery’s drama outfit, Vulindlela Theatre Company.



Mat North Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Hon Richard Moyo, pictured embracing Prosper Nyoni at the Angel of Hope/ZOU short courses graduation ceremony recently. Hwange Colliery among other stakeholders sponsored the event.

“I am happy to be recognized as a talented dancer in the team. I believe it is some natural talent in me. I am also happy that my parents are supportive and I hope these performances can go for many years and take me far,” he said.

“I enjoy what I am doing and will keep doing my best,” said youngster Prosper.

In the run-up to the Gweru national finals, the agile boy had also scooped the Best Dancer award at the district and provincial competitions held in Hwange and Umguza respectively.

Kanyika heaped praise on the young talent and is happy to be associated with his



Prosper (middle) and team tear down the Colliery stadium with an impressive performance at the Angel of Hope/ZOU short courses handover.

success story.

“The boy is destined to go far. We were recently invited to the Victoria Falls Airport to perform and again the boy left the audience clamoring for more,” said Kanyika.

Prosper also mesmerized invited guests at the recently held Angel of Hope/ZOU event held at Colliery stadium.

Lwendulu Primary School headmistress Miss Patience Sikale is over the moon over Prosper’s heroics.

“We are overjoyed as a school when Prosper continues to soar to greater heights. This demonstrates that Lwendulu Primary gives top priority to visual performing acts as required by our curriculum,” she said.

Workers commended for embracing clean-up exercise

By Artwell Wikirefu

HCCL Human Resources Manager, Ms Fortune Nyoni, has paid tribute to workers for embracing the clean-up exercise and turning up in large numbers to support the programme every month.

This is a strong signal that employees understand the need for operating in a clean environment, she said.

Speaking during the April 2023 clean-up exercise, Ms Nyoni said employees need to be conscious of the environment they are operating in and protect it.

“As Hwange, it is key for us to ensure that we operate in a clean environment hence the exercise assists in improving employees’ behaviour and making them more conscious of their



environment,” she said, adding that a clean environment promotes a healthy space, which leads to a healthy and productive atmosphere.

“The turn up monthly is quite impressive, proving that employees understand the need for operating in a clean environment. I urge all employees and our community to continue cleaning their surroundings as indeed ‘*cleanliness is next to godliness*’.

One of the workers, Caroline Phiri, who took part in the April clean-up campaign, said the national initiative must be taken seriously by all employees and Hwange residents.

“We should clean our environment daily and not wait for the first Friday of every month. Cleaning should be our culture and very soon we will be enjoying the benefits of a clean town,” said Phiri.

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Hwange Colliery hospital recruits student nurses

By Artwell Wikirefu

HWANGE Colliery Hospital has recruited trainee nurses under the Registered General Nurse programme as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, which contribute to improved health services delivery in the country.

The 2023 intake conducted at the start of the quarter saw 80 percent of the enrolled students being drawn from Hwange District with the other 20 per cent coming from outside Hwange as part of local employment creation.

In an interview, community member, Taboka Mwembe, said local employment creation by HCCL would help in fight against drug abuse among the youth and reduce crime rates within the district.

HCCL Hospital Principal Tutor, Justin Maduma, said the 2023 intake consisted of 16 students, comprised of 12 females and 4 males.

“Apart from people from Hwange town we also get students from Victoria Falls, Binga, Lupane, Nkayi and Bubi in Matabeleland North,” said Mr Maduma.

Hwange Colliery Hospital has been involved in the recruitment of Registered General Nurses since 1997.

Prior to that the hospital trained State Certified Nurses (SCN) and Certified Maternity Nurses (SCMN).



Newly recruited student nurses

Why it's important to constantly monitor your blood pressure?

By Sister Princila Ngorora

HCCL Occupational Health Officer

Blood pressure is the force exerted on the walls of your arteries as your heart pumps blood through your body.

Blood pressure consists of two numbers followed by units of pressure; an example is 120/80mmHg (millimetres of mercury). The top number is the systolic pressure that is the highest pressure in your arteries as the heart is pumping blood. The bottom number is the diastolic pressure that is the lowest pressure in your arteries when the heart is at rest between beats.

It is important to get an accurate blood pressure reading so that you have a clearer picture of your risk for heart disease and stroke. Blood pressure monitoring helps to assess your overall health and your condition if you are sick or injured.



Regular blood pressure monitoring is important because a single reading does not provide enough information to evaluate your health status. For one to be diagnosed with High Blood Pressure, the readings should be for more than three readings on different days. Blood pressure monitoring is, thus, an important element in evaluating general health and diseases conditions.



Colliery hospital's RGN, Sister Lorraine Luphahla, checks on an employee's blood pressure at the occupational health unit.



Blood pressure monitoring also helps to diagnose and evaluate treatment for High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) and related conditions some of which are Diabetes Mellitus, Kidney Disease, and Pregnancy Induced Hypertension. The list is not exhaustive.

Pointers: Preparation for Blood Pressure Monitoring.

1. Do not use caffeine, alcohol or tobacco 30 minutes before a Blood Pressure check.
2. Empty your bladder before measuring your Blood Pressure.
3. Relax for 5 to 10 minutes before checking the Blood Pressure.
4. For those with High Blood Pressure it is ideal to have a Blood Pressure Machine at home so that you can regularly check your Blood Pressure. Make sure to record in a book so that you can take the readings to your Doctor for progress assessment.

The following are readings to look out for when checking one's Blood Pressure

100/60mmHg to 120/80mmHg is ideal

121/81mmHg to 139/89mmHg is considered Pre-high Blood Pressure

Anything from 140/90mmHg upwards is High Blood Pressure

Always remember that High Blood Pressure is a silent killer and that it is only on routine Blood Pressure checks that it is detected hence the importance of regular checks.

Reminders: When you are diagnosed with High Blood Pressure (Hypertension), it is important to ensure you take your medication as prescribed and honour review dates for resupply of medication.

If you have problems with the medication make sure you inform your Doctor.



HCCL Medical Services, providing much more than just coal

As part of providing so much more than just coal, Hwange Colliery Company has a Medical Services Division that consists of a fully-fledged hospital and four (4) community-based clinics, as well as the Opportunistic Infections clinic.

The Division's primary mandate is to support the company's production process by developing and providing adequate, accessible, and appropriate medical services to employees, their dependents, and the community of operation.

Medical Services Division has a number of sections namely:-

Administration: in charge of operations of the whole Division. This section covers ambulance, laundry, food services, and domestic services.

Accounts: Revenue collection and ensuring obligations are funded.

Nursing Services: Caring for in and outpatients.

Medical Officers: Management of

patient conditions and performance of surgical procedures.

Laboratory: Conducts investigations for diagnostic purposes.

Medical Imaging: Taking X-Rays, ECGs, ECHO and scans for diagnostic purposes.

Pharmacy: Procuring and dispensing medicines and medical sundries.

Dental Surgery: responsible for oral health care.

Physiotherapy: performs medical rehabilitation and ergonomic assessments of workstations.

Public Health Services: Enforcement of the Public Health Act, disease surveillance, and health promotion.

School of Nursing: Teaching student nurses.

Occupational Health Services: Medical surveillance.

Please visit Hwange Colliery hospital for all your medical requirements and periodic health related checkups!



Hwange Colliery Hospital

**A Day I will never forget...Tuesday 6 June 1972
.....Kamandama Colliery Mine Disaster in Wankie**

By David J Parsonage

Chartered Project Manager

CMgr, IEng, DipM, FIMM, FSOE, FIPLantE (Independent Management Consultant)



I have often thought long and hard about the events of that day and week. This is my personal account of what I saw and did. I hope not to offend anyone with my interpretation of events.

My memories of that week will stay with me forever. I was a Mechanical Engineer working a 12-hour nightshift on the Coal Preparation and Cokeworks facilities at No2 Colliery. I arrived home late that morning and could not sleep.

Not realising then that I, along with everyone else in Wankie, would not get a night's sleep for a long time. I decided to take my son Michael John to the Golf club. At approximately 11AM, I came home to try to get some sleep before returning to work, which was at 6PM.

I didn't realise until much later that as I drove along Sinderika Drive, down Prospect Hill, along Coronation Drive and into Ridge Drive, (the road I lived in), and that I had not seen anyone or heard anything. It was just a completely unearthly eerie silence.

As I approached home, Joan Hunt came running towards me. She simply said, "David Kamandama has blown up." I just could not believe it so I drove straight to the old Rescue Station. (For those who remember it was at the bottom of Nursery Hill.) I went straight inside as the door was wide open and discovered it deserted, and again eerily quiet, all the Proto Kits had gone along with all spare oxygen bottles.

I then drove to Kamandama through No1 village, along the Four Mile Drive through No2 village to the Mine, I do not remember seeing anyone, and it was as if I was the only person there.

The Proto Teams were preparing to go underground. I walked to the Mine entrance Incline Shaft; where during my time working there, I had gone down that shaft hundreds of times. In normal circumstances, you could feel and hear the fresh air going underground. The shaft was normally lit up, people would be coming and going, and always miners were laughing and joking making light of their job as only miners can. Not on that day and not ever again. I looked down the shaft all I could see was a huge gaping soulless lifeless hole in the ground. It was a scene of utter desolation and again an unearthly silence - covered, in a thick blanket of coal dust.

Not even the sound of birds.

The carriage used to ferry as many as sixty people at a time underground had been blown out of the shaft and embedded into the Engine house, destroying both. My first reaction was complete disbelief and utter shock, how could this happen in our wonderful little town? Having worked underground at Kamandama from 1968/1971, I knew most of the people down there. I still think of them today.

Fate can be so sad, Rob McGarry was in the No2 Workshop at 1015hrs that day, and he

must have just got underground. Vic Brazer had never been underground in his life. He was good friends of Eddie Quirk (Senior Mine Captain) and had asked him to take him to see what life was like working underground. Graham "Doc" Barclay was just 19-yrs of age, such a great and popular lad yet to experience life. Mpofo, Sibanda Ndhlovu, and all the others - I know I have only mentioned very few people but I remember all of them with equal respect. The Proto teams established fresh air bases in the Mine to allow them to venture further but all they found was destroyed machinery, tractors etc. blasted to pieces, blast walls completely blown out and conveyor systems buckled and twisted like some unwanted broken toys.

I spent the next 2 days helping to install forced draught fans at the shaft top, trying to force clean air into the Mine. This turned out to be futile, as the Kamandama and Biza fans had been destroyed by the blast but we had to try to do something. The sequence of events seemed to be carried out in slow motion, yet the whole week was blurred, with that present pervasive silence. It was simply surreal; people spoke in monotones, no panic just intent on helping and doing what they could.



[File] Kamandama Widows' representatives lay wreaths at the 50th Memorial service in honour of the 427 gallant miners who perished on 6 June 1972.

At night I went back to work, normally there would be a lot happening with things breaking down etc. So, the long night shifts would pass quickly. Not that week however. Everything worked, which meant the nights were even longer. I, along with the Night Shift Manager, would climb to the top of the Coke Oven Coal Bunkers where we would watch the lights and activity at Kamandama. This was worse as we could see and still not help. We were as spectators at some Macabre Soap Opera.

On Wednesday the families started to arrive firstly in two's and three's then tens and twenties, finally there were probably in excess of a thousand. They simply sat down and waited in silence.

What I will always remember was the stoicism and dignity of all the bereaved, both black and white. No one could understand what they were going through. These people whist in their grief, those who had lost sons, husbands, and fathers were an example to us all.

The rescue operation started with great hopes of finding survivors. Rescue teams came from South Africa, Zambia, and other African nations. These were just miners trying to help fellow miners.

The Proto teams recovered seven bodies, which were so badly burnt they could not be identified. The body of a Plant Operator was discovered at the bottom of No2 Incline shaft. (Where coal was transferred to the surface) he was simply lying there asleep poisoned by Carbon Monoxide.

This was over 4 miles from the presumed centre of the initial Methane explosion in the High Extraction Panels under Madumabisa. After this discovery hope turned to despair as it was then realized that anyone who had not been killed by the initial blast must have succumbed to Carbon Monoxide poisoning. With all hope gone, the decision to close the mine was probably taken on Wednesday evening. However, the rescue teams carried on until Thursday night in the now vain hope of finding someone alive.



[File] Kamandama widows release 427 balloons at the 50th commemorations in memory of the miners who died at the Kamandama shaft on 6 June 1972.

On the Friday, teams started to backfill the Mineshaft and relatives started to wail, it sent a shiver down my spine. There were no hysterics, simply dignified wailing for their loved ones.

Due to the disaster, the Wankie Mine Rescue teams were decimated. Most of the teams worked down Kamandama. As a sign of respect for all those who lost their lives, I, along with several others immediately enrolled on a selection course and subsequently joined the team and served for 6 years.

The worst feeling of all was one of being totally helpless and guilty for not being able to help your friends in their hour of need -people that you had socialized with, worked with and played sports with. The awful truth that in milliseconds 427 souls had been lost.

Wankie would recover but would never be the same again.

Finally, I consider it an honour and privilege to have called those who died that day in the disaster my friends.

I WILL NEVER FORGET THE SILENCE.

David is now retired and is currently based in the United Kingdom. After the Colliery then Wankie Colliery Company (WCC), he later worked as a Senior Management Consultant on Major Contracts valued over £200 million. Two of his children were born at the Colliery Hospital.

His children are all married and he has several grandchildren.



File -HCCL's Mine Rescue team at the 50th Kamandama Memorial Commemorations

Hwange FC vows to recover from Simba Bhora setback

By Tobias Mandoreba

Hwange FC stumbled against Simba Bhora in the past weekend in Week 5 of the Castle Lager Premier Soccer league after losing 2 – 0 in a match played at the National Sports Stadium.

Despite going down in this encounter, Hwange FC head coach, Nation Dube is confident that the boys will bounce back and rediscover their winning formula when they face Cranborne Bullets in the next league encounter.

“We lost against Simba Bhora despite getting a number of decent chances which could have changed the game complexion and final result. I have told the boys to keep their heads up and not lose focus because of a loss, as the season is still long and there are plenty of matches to come.

We are approaching the Cranborne Bullets as a wounded buffalo and given our recent performances, we should bounce back to winning ways. We are taking each game as it comes and are so far happy that the boys have shown commitment and zeal to compete and fly the Hwange soccer flag high,” said Dube.

Chipangano, also christened "Fire in Action" by its legion of supporters have had a decent start to the campaign with two wins (over Yadah and Green Fuel), losses to Dynamos and Simba Bhora and a draw against Sheasham FC last weekend to sit at 7 points from five games.

Hwange FC has promising youngsters in the mould of Tatenda Muvhuti, Clyvert Tshuma, Brendan Rendo, Blessing Ngoma, Attitude Munsaka, Quinton Longwe and Anesu Richards who will complement the efforts of seniors like Thabani Goredema, Canaan Nkomo, Ernest Gwitima, Kelly Shiyandindi, Eddie Nkhulungo, James Chivasa, Brighton Makopa, Elisha Zulu to mention a few.

After Cranborne Bullets, Chipangano will travel to Barbourfields to face Highlanders in what should be a cliffhanger tie.



Representatives from Hwange FC team squad, technical bench and Executive committee at the recent kit unveiling

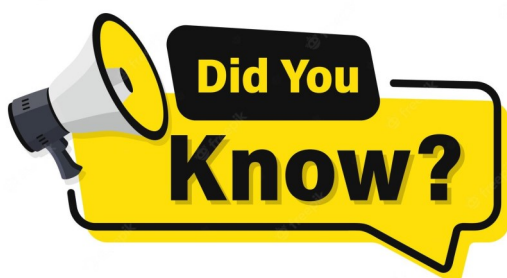
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Coal exploration activity commenced in Hwange with the arrival of Albert Giese, a German geologist, in 1892.