

# N4 gets major upgrade

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**RUSTENBURG** - The N4-Platinum Highway will become a dual carriageway in the vicinity of Bapong and Hartbeespoort Dam. Construction work already commenced late last year and according to a spokesperson for the Bakwena Platinum Corridor Concessionaire, Ms Charmaine van Wyk, the company will spend almost R500 million on the project, which will involve the construction of an additional carriageway between the R512 West and the Marikana Interchange.

This is the first phase of a planned four phases to upgrade a 38km-section of the route and it will also include the widening of bridges at the same time.

Construction on the first phase is expected to be completed by August this year, while construction on the remaining phases of the project would follow in 2011, 2012 and 2013. In addition, Bakwena will also start to add additional lanes at the Kameeldrift Interchange (N1 and N4) in March, while the North West Provincial Government and the Rustenburg Municipality, as part of their 2010 strategy, will undertake the upgrading of the existing t-junction west of Rustenburg in the Donkerhoek area. This intersection will become a full freeway interchange and the work is currently being undertaken.

Periodic and routine maintenance continues to be carried out on the whole road including repairs to plaza slabs.

Van Wyk further assured motorists that the work currently being undertaken will not have an impact on the toll fees, as annual toll fee increases are prescribed in the concessionaire's contract with the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL), which is linked to the consumer price index (CPI). The funding for the upgrade comes from bank loans and will be repaid from the income of toll fees collected on the route.

Van Wyk said there should be minimal disruption to traffic during the construction period; she however urged motorists to proceed along this section with caution and thanked them for their co-operation and patience while the improvements are carried out.



Motorists on the Bakwena N4 Platinum Toll road can look forward to improved driving conditions as soon as August of 2010. At least R500 million will be spend over the next four years to upgrade the existing single carriageway sections between the R512 West and the Marikana Interchange.

## Onderbreking van kragtoevoer

**RUSTENBURG** - Kennis word gegee dat die voorsiening van elektrisiteit onderbreek sal word na die landelike gebiede van Waterkloof, Oorzaak, Boschfontein, Modderfontein, Rhenosterfontein, Zuurplaat, Waagfontein, Rietfontein en Kroondal op

Saterdag 13 Februarie 2010 vanaf 06:00 tot 18:00.

Aangesien die toevoere te enige tyd herstel kan word, moet alle elektriese installasies deurentyd as lewendig beskou word.

Die algehele onderbreking van elektrisiteitstoevoer na genoemde gebiede

gedurende bogenoemde tydperk is noodsaaklik vir die dringende opgradering van Kroondal Substasie en die uitvoering van dringend noodsaaklike instandhoudingswerk.

## Interruption of power supply

**RUSTENBURG** - Notice is hereby given that the supply of electricity will be interrupted to the rural areas of Waterkloof, Oorzaak, Boschfontein, Modderfontein, Rhenosterfontein, Zuurplaat, Waagfontein, Rietfontein and Kroondal on Saturday 13 February 2010 between 06:00 and 18:00.

remain off for the specified time and all electrical installations must be regarded as being alive during the above-mentioned times.

This will be a total power shutdown for the duration of the time mentioned. The interruption is necessary to upgrade the Kroondal Substation and perform urgent maintenance work.

No guarantee can be given that the supply will

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(Continued from page 1) (even those in favour of the request) was however, rather that it was in the interest of smoother "logistics".

In addition to the dismissal of the Rustenburg's Executive Mayors, the Mayors of the Moretele Municipality,

Mafikeng, Lekwa Te mane Municipality, the Greater Taung Municipality and the Mayor of Maquassi Hills were dismissed. All these changes are to be implemented with immediate effect, the ANC's Provincial Task Team said.

## Waar om aan te klop

**RUSTENBURG** - Na aanleiding van probleme wat verbruikers van voorafbetaalde elektrisiteit onlangs ondervind het, het Rustenburg Herald van dié voorvalle met Conlog, die maatskappy wat die eenhede voorsien opgeneem.

Daar was onder meer gevalle waar verbruikers voorafbetaalde elektrisiteit by 'n agent gekoop het. Die boodskap wat op die verbruiker se selfoon ontvang is, was heel in orde, wat gelui het: 'We are aware of your electricity token request - your activation number will be send to you shortly.'

Na verskeie pogings - nadat die ver-

bruiker die 20 syfers wat op sy kaart aangedui was op sy toestel ingesleutel het - het dit egter geen eenhede aangedui nie.

**OPGELOS**  
Dié probleem is met Conlog, die verskaffer van voorafbetaalde elektrisiteit opgeneem is reggestel.

Rustenburg Herout se navrae het tussen bevestig dat sulke gevalle hoogs uitsonderlik is.

**KONTAK**  
Indien verbruikers egter met soortgelyke gevalle of ander gekonfronteer word, kan Abe van die maatskappy Conlog, geskakel word by 079 513 6121.

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