

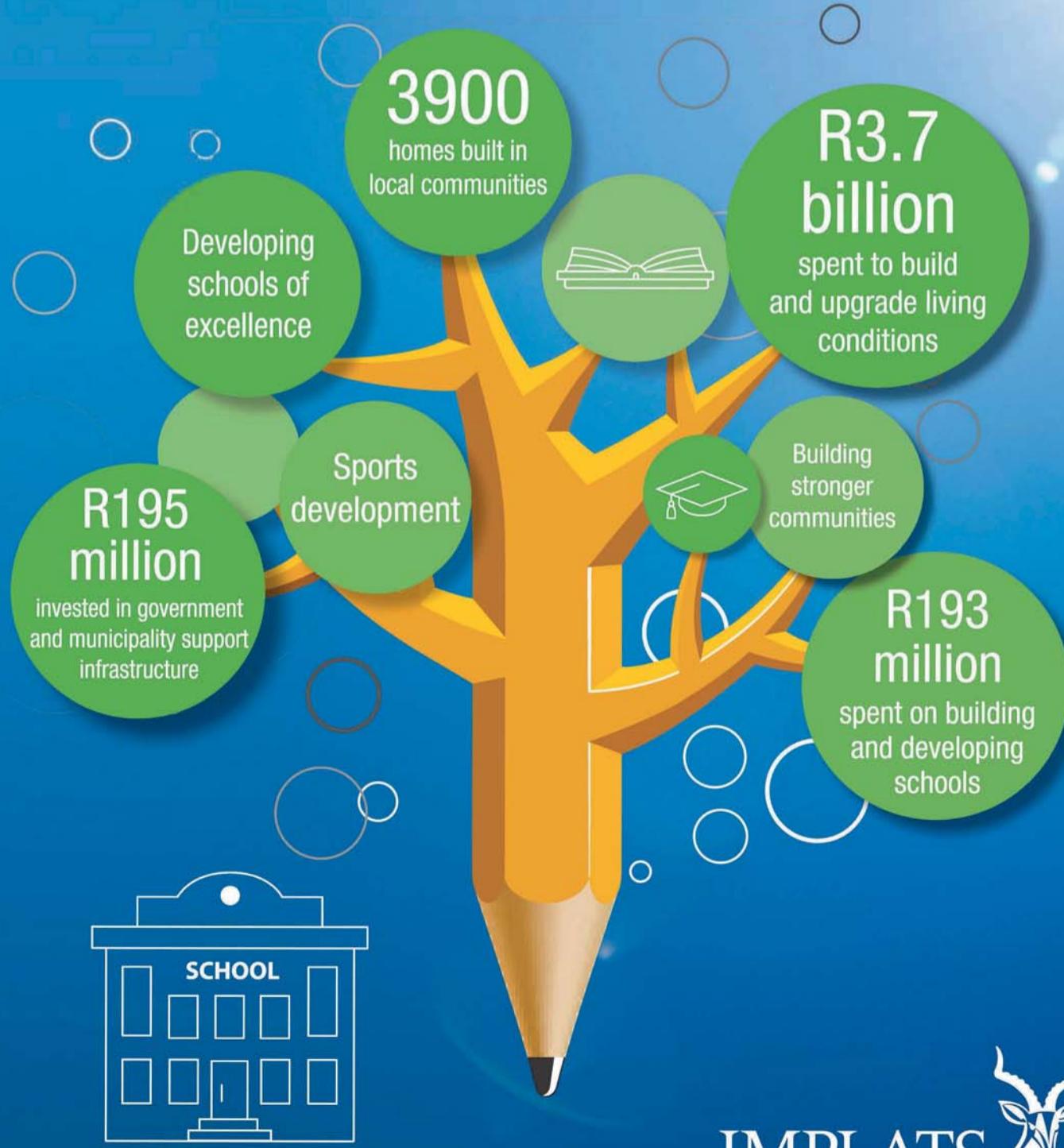
Implats invests in quality of life



ENRICHING LIVES

Building sustainable communities

Implats has invested billions in local communities since 2009



Rustenburg – On Friday, 14 July 2017, Implats shared their projects that benefit their employees and the broader community with the media. Implats recognises that its workforce, including its contractors have the right to reside with their families in housing that is stable, healthy, of adequate size, serviced with basic infrastructure in terms of water, sanitation and electricity, and within commuting distance of the workplace.

Thousands of Implats employees and their families have benefited from their housing programme, and the community has benefited from the schools built.

Since the inception of the 2007 housing strategy, Implats has invested R3.5 billion in improving housing and living conditions for its employees at its South African operations. By 2015, this investment had provided homes for 2,687 new home owners, converted three hostels into 5,375 single units and one hostel into 264 family units, thereby greatly improving the quality of life for thousands of employees. Implats has also since 2007, upgraded 1058 existing housing units.

In 2015, Implats invested R228 million in employee housing and has played an instrumental role in housing 35,601 people since the start of its housing initiative. Besides housing, Implats has also started working on several projects which will uplift the communities surrounding their operations, which includes, upgrading basic infrastructure in Freedom Park A, developing a convenience shopping centre in the Platinum Village, ensuring the availability of social amenities, amongst other initiatives.

Education is the best form of empowerment and it can therefore be argued that one of Implats' greatest achievements is the schools they have constructed within their Sunrise View and Platinum Village Home Ownership Developments.

The Sunrise View Primary and Secondary school project was undertaken in partnership with the Impala Bafokeng Trust and the North West Provincial Government. Implats contributed 50% towards the R86 million cost of constructing the two schools.

The construction of the schools provided jobs for over 280 skilled and unskilled people. Of these, 232 were members of the local community. The primary school opened in 2013 and the secondary school in 2014.