

Hands off our rhino!

Rustenburg – Anglo American Platinum's Rustenburg Process Division sponsored a Rhino ear notching exercise held at Pilanesberg National Park on 16 September. This gave them a hands-on, once in a lifetime experience by actively participating to assist with the notching. Rhino populations worldwide are under severe pressure from poaching due to the demand for their horn.

Says Steve Dell, Pilanesberg field ecologist and rhino protection unit commander: "The large ears of rhino make it the perfect place to mark them. By cutting a small V, or a square shape into the ear at a certain position, uniquely identifies the rhino which is then linked to an individual number."

"The rhino conservation work conducted by the Pilanesberg Wildlife Trust in the Pilanesberg is essential to the ongoing presence of rhino populations. Without the support of companies like Anglo American Platinum, we would not manage to do this work. We thank Platinum's Rustenburg Process division for making this particular notching possible," said Dell.

Says Bayanda Mncwango, head of smelting operations and main sponsor of the event: "It is a privilege to contribute towards the protection of rhino."



PLATINUM BEING ONE WITH NATURE... From left: Platinum's Sam Ngaka, production manager at Mortimer Smelter; Dustin van Helsdingen, environmental manager: North West; Thabo Masilo, senior safety, health and environmental specialist at Platinum's Rustenburg Base Metals Refinery (RBMR); Fortune Mashimbye, general manager at RBMR; Bayanda Mncwango, head of smelting operations; Simon Dladla, environmental officer at Waterval Smelter; Diale Mokwena, production manager at Waterval Smelter; and Boipuso Semenya, environmental coordinator at RBMR.

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**Bookings
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weekend
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Groot Marico – Bookings for the Bosman weekend, from 20-22 October in Groot Marico, are now open!

This year's program includes six main productions and many smaller performances, workshops and music shows. All meals are included in the package.

"This year more than ever we want to share the sense of the place and local creativity with you. Expect the unexpected! The special theme of the weekend will be announced to those who book for the weekend," Santa van Bart, from the Bosman Literary Society, said. "Every year after a Bosman weekend, the feeling is that it cannot be bettered. My feeling, as organiser of the program for the past 22 years is... this year is going to be amazing!" Van Bart added.

There will be surprises, magic moments and wonderful experiences even if it is only your first *mampoer* tasting experience or *roosterkoekie* and *moerkoffie* from the fire. The performances are hand-picked for the Marico – it is good!

There is a list of accommodation options and packages available from Santa – kindly make your accommodation bookings through the Information Centre.

For more information, contact Santa van Bart at the Information Centre Groot Marico on 083-272 2958 or 014-503 0085, or email info@marico.co.za or grootmarico@telkomsa.net.



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