



## PRESS RELEASE

# RBPLAT OPENS A 200-BED FIELD HOSPITAL IN RUSTENBURG, TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

*(01 July 2020, Johannesburg)* Royal Bafokeng Platinum (RBPlat) together with the North West Provincial Department of Health is proud to announce the official opening of the 200-bed Royal Bafokeng Platinum Field Hospital in Rustenburg, at a cost of approximately R10 million, to support government's already overburdened resources in the fight against COVID-19.

Working with the North West Provincial Department of Health and the Bojanala District Health Department, RBPlat converted its unused Maseve Mine, South Shaft Change House in the North West Province, into a 200-bed Field Hospital to provide initial COVID-19 medical treatment to its employees and communities.

The 2 940m<sup>2</sup> treatment facility includes five wards, each with separate beds. Each bed has its own television and personal lockable locker to store patient valuables and is individually screened off from other patient beds for privacy. The wards have all been installed with sani-disc ultraviolet lights to kill any airborne diseases, as well as 108 caribbean 2 000w infrared heaters.

The facility is well-ventilated and can cater for mild to moderate COVID-19 positive cases, supported with all the medical facilities and healthcare professionals as required.

Speaking at the official opening, Steve Phiri, CEO of RBPlat said 'The global COVID-19 pandemic and the steadily increasing rise in positive cases in South Africa, is a cause for concern and has encouraged us to identify projects that can offer support to our employees, our communities and the government. We have already implemented several projects to support the needy and vulnerable in our community, as well as sourced quarantine and isolation facilities at Sundown Ranch for our employees and the community, to be used as required. Today, we officially open and hand over this COVID-19 Field Hospital to the North West Provincial Department of Health, and we do this as part of our collective responsibility to make a real difference in our communities during this difficult time.'

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**About Royal Bafokeng Platinum**

Royal Bafokeng Platinum (RBPlat) is a mid-tier platinum group metals (PGMs) producer, originating from a joint venture between Anglo American Platinum and Royal Bafokeng Holdings (RBH) known as the Bafokeng Rasimone Platinum mine joint venture (BRPM JV).

In 2018 RBPlat became the 100% owner of its business, following the acquisition of the 33% portion of the BRPM JV from Anglo American Platinum.

RBPlat mines platinum group metals in the Merensky and UG2 reefs on the Boschkoppe, Styldrift and Frischgewaagd farms in the Rustenburg area which have been identified as hosting the last undeveloped Merensky reef on the Western limb of the Bushveld complex. RBPlat's assets are the only known significant shallow high grade Merensky resources and reserves still available for mining in South Africa.

Our strategy is underpinned by our aspiration of achieving 'More than Mining'.

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