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SMME FEATURE:

*** BENKI KITCHEN**
*** AGNISTO TRADING**

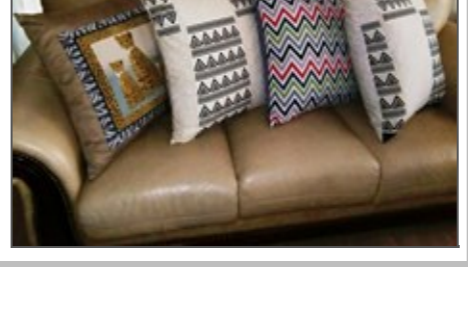


Benki Trading Kitchen specialises in crafted carpentry. Their services include all forms of carpentry and they have made a name for themselves in the manufacturing of stylish kitchen cupboards. They also offer repair work to wooden furniture.

Read more about Benki's Kitchen

Agnisto Trading and Projects manufactures winter and summer sheets, pillows, bedding, duvet covers, carpets and curtains. Their high-quality products are made of fleeces, polycotton fabric and lace.

Read more about Agnisto Trading



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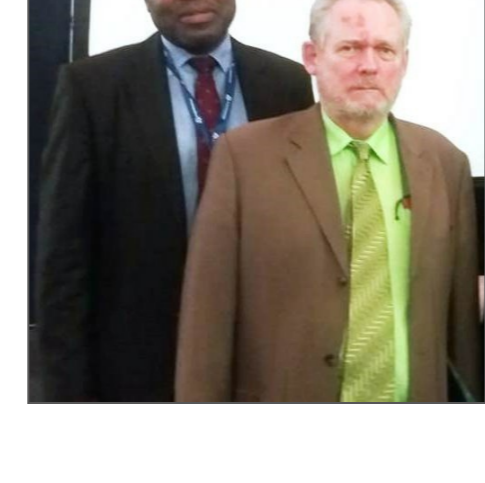
NORTH WEST TO HOST INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

On 14 March 2019 the North West Provincial Government through the NW Department of Economy and Enterprise Development will host the inaugural North West Trade and Investment Conference 2019.

The North West conference is set to mirror the national drive to attract investment and facilitate employment creation.

The conference theme is: "Rebuilding the Province through the promotion of Trade and Infrastructure Investment".

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SEZ INVESTMENT PROMOTED AT MINING INDABA

The project management team of NWDC's Platinum Valley Special Economic Zone recently attended the Invest in African Mining Indaba where it promoted the PV-SEZ to high level delegates and potential investors.

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SOUND MEDIA RELATIONS PROMOTED

NWDC recently met with members of the media in the Bojanala and Dr KK Districts as part of a concerted drive to foster relationships and build networks with members of the media.

Representatives from a number of media houses were hosted by the Marketing and Communications division of the NWDC.

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GUTSY MOVES PAY OFF FOR NOMHLE

Here is a jewel of an entrepreneurial success story, telling the true tale of a dream that led to small beginnings, steady progress and ultimate success through guts and perseverance.

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LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT SET TO TRANSFORM

NWDC is making great strides in progressing their flagship development projects.

In the library construction project executed on behalf of CATA, two libraries being built in Derby and Stella are progressing well.

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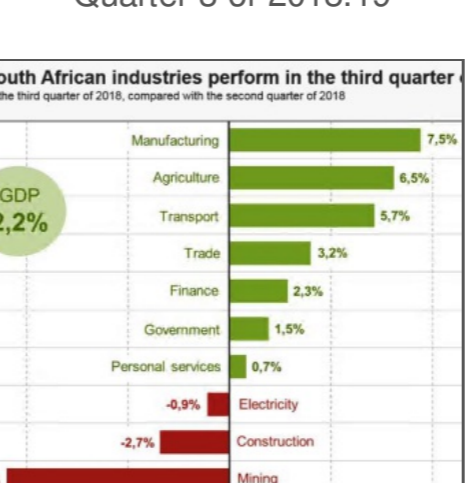
SMME SERVICES & PRODUCTS LISTING

Check out NWDC's listing of SMMEs that have been profiled and featured in current and previous editions of Pulse!

The list features more than thirty proudly-North West SMMEs, of which a great number are also successful tenants renting from the NWDC. Buy local and support the local economy and job creation.

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Economic Data Report
 Quarter 3 of 2018-19



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The steady expansion since mid-2016 continues, with global growth for 2018-19 projected to remain at its 2017 levels.

Global growth is projected at 3.7 percent for 2018 - 2019.

South Africa faces unique challenges. Structural factors to impede SA's growth performance in the short to medium term include a weakening fiscal backdrop, slowing investment, weaker business environment and consumer vulnerability.

For the first time since January 2017 the North West's unemployment rate was higher than the national rate of 27.5%, reaching 28% in Q3.

In terms of Foreign Direct Investment, the North West received 1.4% (16) of all projects (1135) in South Africa between 2003 and August 2018.

This represents 2.3% (R 23.7 billion) of the capital investment and 3.8% of jobs (7805 jobs).

The President indicated in the State of the Nation address that he wants the South African ranking in terms of Ease of Doing Business to improve to the 50th position from where it is at 82nd position, in order to attract more investment into the country.

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