

Visit www.klcbt.co.za regularly for the latest business news, updates information and EVENTS. The latest posts include:

KLCBT and Mbombela City concludes the Eskom crisis on a positive note

During a meeting with senior management of Mbombela City and KLCBT, the City's Municipal Manager, Mr Noko Seanego gave their firm undertaking that the Eskom bill will be paid strictly on time in future, to avoid the high amount of interest charged when paid later. The challenge remains that the bill is due on the 15th of every month, while rate payers have 30 days to pay after month end. This leaves the municipality out of pocket for at least 15 days, and that is if everybody paid on time. For this reason we appeal to all our members and rate payers to please pay their bills on time.

KLCBT will meet with the City's GM's forum every month in future to discuss collaborations, strategies and economic growth. Business and Government has to work together to make the region flourish.

The KLCBT will host a breakfast in the near future to allow members an audience with the Executive Mayor, where he will share the City's Vision 2030.

Notice of an Audit of Existing Water Meters in Mbombela City

Ayamah Consulting Engineers has been appointed by City of Mbombela to undertake and auditing, replacement and installation of water meters project within the City of Mbombela's jurisdiction.

The City request that you allow the representatives of the company access to your property to perform a water meter audit which will include the temporary isolation of the water connection. NB—Vehicles will be branded, technicians will have name tags and a letter for City of Mbombela Municipality.

(Should you have any queries, contact Mr Koena Moabelo on 013 759 9035 or 078 957 9196 or Mr Sondai Tobias on 013 752 5552)

Results of the KLCBT Corruption Survey

Although direct participation in the survey was disappointing, we collated all reports and complaints received during the past two years during which the KLCBT ran the Integrity campaign with the help of the GIZ. Sonja Berg, the advisor on the project, compiled a detailed report on the facts and perceptions of the extend of corruption, the causes and the possible cures.

KLCBT will continue the good work that Sonja initiated and will specifically focus on campaigns and initiatives that could be effective in decreasing or stopping corruption.

These include: Awareness campaigns, leaders setting a good example, promoting stricter laws & punishment, expanding the Kruger Lowveld Roadside Anti-Corruption Campaign, encourage public and private sector transparency, promote more internal controls and improved recruitment policies, and most importantly, to encourage reporting of corrupt activities.

(Read the full report on www.klcbt.co.za— Click the Integrity button on the main menu)

Revised Preferential Procurement Regulations—Great news for SMME's

The revised regulations are aligned to President Zuma's pronouncement in his 2015 State of the Nation Address, wherein he said that government will set aside 30% of appropriate categories of State procurement for purchasing from SMME's, co-operatives as well as township and rural enterprises.

The main changes contained in the revised PPR are:

80/20 preference points system for tenders from R1—R50 million —80 points for the lowest price and maximum 20 points to the tenderer for B-BBEE status level. Similarly a 90/10 preference points system will apply for tenders over R50 million. Sub-contracting will become a condition of a tender over R30 million and finally strict Pre-qualification criteria will apply.

(Read more on www.klcbt.co.za—Click on News, then on Important Business Updates)