

COMMUNITY CO-OWNED CHROME RECOVERY PLANT OPENS!

More than 2 000 community members attended the official opening of the Atomic Chrome Recovery Plant by MEC Seaparo Sekoati of the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, who represented the Premier of Limpopo, at the event.

The event, which was held at the Northam RDP ground on 1 February 2017, saw the crowd being addressed by the MEC, as well as other dignitaries including the mayor of Thabazimbi Local Municipality Midah Moselane; Kgoshi Manotshe Ramokoka; Kgosana Saltiel Ramokoka; and Gary Humphries, chairperson of the of the Atomic partnership.

The community of Mantserre and Anglo American Platinum are co-owners and co-operators of the Atomic Chrome Recovery Plant. This partnership will result in the community of Mantserre benefiting from Platinum's Amandelbult mining operation for many years to come.

While the opening was held this week, the plant actually started operating last year and is expected to reach steady state production by mid-2017.

"This partnership is an example of true empowerment of the community," says Kenny Mokoka, head of business development at Anglo American Platinum. "In time to come, the community's share will grow from 26% to 40%. This is a long-lasting relationship that is going to see our children and our children's children realising the returns."



AT THE OPENING... About 2 000 members of the Mantserre community and other nearby villages and towns attended the official opening ceremony of the plant which was held in Northam.