

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF R512 INTERCHANGE

Bakwena Platinum Corridor Concessionaire (Pty) Ltd (Bakwena) would like to inform road users of the temporary closure of the R512 interchange with immediate effect for a period of approximately 10 months (March 2020).

Safety of road users using the Bakwena N1N4 route is a priority. The temporary closure of the R512 bridge has resulted in road users not obeying the temporary road construction signage and not abiding by the rules of the road, thereby creating dangerous conditions for other motorists on the N4. Road users are advised to make use of alternative routes such as the recently upgraded R511 interchange to get to their destinations in Brits and Hartbeespoort.

The closure of the R512 interchange is part of the works related to the addition of 32km of a second carriageway on the N4 between the M17 in Tshwane and R512 (Brits interchange).

To ensure the N1N4 route meets the highest international standards continuous maintenance, rehabilitation and upgrades are necessary. Bakwena would like to thank motorists for their patience while work is being carried out and would like to advise them to adhere to all designated road signs and exercise caution throughout the construction process where heavy equipment and trucks will be operating.

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Lonmin plans to cut 4,100 workers



Rustenburg – Lonmin plans to cut 4,100 workers at mines that have run out of profitable ore and are being closed.

The platinum producer has started a process that's required under South African labour law to carry out the workforce reductions. The layoffs will come from six old mines that have run out of commercially viable ore. The cuts are part of Lonmin's plan to trim its staff and lower costs at its deep-level mines.

In a press release on its second quarterly production report and business update on 17 May, Lonmin stated that it has not been able to fund the significant investment required to maintain its production profile, hence the previously announced shaft closures and job losses.

Fuel price see-saw as Rand and oil face off



Fuel data for May is showing a listless fuel price picture. This is according to the unaudited mid-month fuel price data released by the Central Energy Fund. Despite drastic fluctuations, the overall picture is of little change. The Rand has slipped marginally by thirteen cents against the US dollar since the Department of Energy's surprise early announcement of the May fuel price on Sunday, 28 April. The international oil price has also ebbed and flowed, with the landed basic price of petrol dropping by over 60 cents per litre in the first days of May before regaining ground after the election. The result is a mixed picture.

For **petrol**, the Rand's weakness was mostly a counterpart of oil's retreat, **pointing to a seven cents-a-litre reduction at month end.**

Diesel fared worse, with a slight **increase of 12 cents a litre** on the cards, and **illuminating paraffin showing a nine-cent rise.** However, we remind you that the forthcoming Carbon Tax is due for introduction on 5 June, and will add an additional nine cents a litre to the petrol price, and ten cents to the diesel price. Our hope is that the new government will immediately set out its policy agenda which has a direct impact on fuel prices. **Automobile Association (AA) press release, May 2019**

Dog poisoning incidents on the increase

There has been a worrying spike in the number of dog poisoning incidents across our Fidelity ADT footprint recently, and dog owners are advised to be cautious and take note of these life saving tips for their beloved animals.

"Residents need to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious individuals or vehicles either to Fidelity ADT, the police or the authorities. Usually we see a spike in house robberies following incidents of dog poisonings, so we all need to work together to ensure that your property is secure," said Charnel Hattingh, marketing manager for Fidelity ADT. Fidelity approached Dr Hannekom at Onderstepoort Academic Hospital to provide homeowners with the following advice, should they believe that their pet may have been poisoned.

- If you suspect your dog has been poisoned, please take them to the vet immediately. Some owners may try to treat the animals themselves; however, it is always better to seek professional veterinary assistance as soon as possible.
- Signs will vary depending on the type of poison swallowed. They can be as mild as lethargy, malaise, and weakness to gastrointestinal signs like vomiting, diarrhoea, drooling, and nausea. More severe signs can include agitation, twitching, seizures, or even a coma.
- If your pet has started vomiting, gather a sample of it in a plastic bag and take it with you to your vet immediately. It may be used for testing and analysis. Dr Hannekom says please never induce vomiting without consulting the vet first.
- Try to stay calm and move your dog to a safe area. Check if your dog is breathing. If not, you may need to perform CPR before taking the dog to the vet.
- If your dog begins to convulse, also move them to a safe area where they won't cause injury to themselves.
- Aldicarb, also known as two-step or Temik, is a commonly used poison. It looks like little black poppy seeds and is granular in appearance. Hannekom says it is highly toxic. Do not touch it with your bare hands – wear gloves when removing the poison from your property. Criminals usually hide it in meat so that dogs easily consume it.

It is vital that any incidents of dog poisonings be reported to the SAPS immediately. "All poison cases must be reported to the local SAPS with a request for them to investigate the case and remove any suspected poison residues or bait from your property. A poisoning incident is a crime and should therefore always be reported."

Press release: Fidelity ADT by Cathy Findley Public Relations





Weather Report North West RUSTENBURG

Friday	24 May	2019	24°C - 09°C	Rainfall probability (%) 0  Sunrise 06:40  Sunset 17:49
Saturday	25 May	2019	24°C - 08°C	
Sunday	26 May	2019	23°C - 07°C	
Monday	27 May	2019	23°C - 07°C	
Tuesday	28 May	2019	27°C - 07°C	

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FINANCIAL INDICATORS



ZAR / USD	14.41	-0.06%
Rand/Euro	16.08	-0.21%
Rand/Pound	18.24	-0.02%
Rand/Aus Dollar	9.91	0.34%
Dollar/Pound	1.29	0.03%
Pound/Euro	1.13	0.04%
GOLD	1,274.24	-0.08%
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