

Manungu Colliery site visit

At the crack of dawn, a team of ten were up and on their way to Manungu Colliery (-later “Manungu”) for one of Mbuyelo’s systematic site visits. Manungu is one of the company’s large reserves located in Delmas, Mpumalanga.

The drive to Delmas was paved with sporadic beds of cosmos flowers as if to welcome the team on another venture, promising it to be nothing short of a success. Manungu is an opencast production with a life of mine estimated at a rich thirty (30) years. The operation took off in November of 2013 and is a 100% Mbuyelo Coal asset. It has an estimated four hundred and ten million (410 000 000) resource tonnes.

“Manungu is a vast reserve with many more still to unfold on the business front,” Mbuyelo Coal COO, Hentie Hoffman reminded the team, “soon everyone will have more than their fair share of work from geologists to accountants, but I have confidence in our capabilities and foresee victory.” Before being taken on a site tour, Mine Manager Alan Mabbett, orientated everyone on the reserve: the progress made as well as plans for the future of the mine. Out on site, box-cuts were already exposed and the earth-moving machinery were manoeuvring around tirelessly in an effort to keep up with set targets.

No stone is left unturned when heading such a huge venture. After the site visit, it was back to the Mbuyelo Coal regional offices in Witbank- Mpumalanga, where the team regrouped for a meeting before heading back home.

Manungu Colliery has promises to keep Mbuyelo busy and that is something the company has never shied from.