

ArcelorMittal South Africa's Newcastle works supports AfriForum's pothole campaign

ArcelorMittal South Africa's Newcastle works' continued support has allowed AfriForum Newcastle to repair a large number of potholes that plague the town. AfriForum, in partnership with the Newcastle Municipality, has seen over 100 potholes repaired since the project's launch.

On the 20th September, Newcastle works donated 200 bags of 25kg cold mix to the project. This marks the second time the company has donated towards this project, with material being supplied in the month of August as well.

"These are the community's roads, and we all drive on them. We (ArcelorMittal South Africa) want to help keep the roads safe for people. Potholes can lead to accidents, and safety is critical to ArcelorMittal, both inside our premises and within the community. We want to help make Newcastle safe," said Joe Nowbath, Manager, ArcelorMittal Foundation, Newcastle.

The support did not end there. ArcelorMittal South Africa also called on the support of Tommy Koekemoer of Ilanga Surfacing to demonstrate proper pothole repair techniques. The demonstration showcased the correct method for filling the potholes in order to ensure their longevity. This included cutting the tar surface into a diamond shape instead of a square and making use of the correct sealants.

Dominee SW Scott and Peet Liebenberg of AfriForum Newcastle expressed their gratitude to ArcelorMittal for their assistance in this ongoing effort. "We think it is amazing that ArcelorMittal can contribute to the need that has been identified in Newcastle," Liebenberg remarked.

