

Mittal protects and changes lives

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BOPHELONG. - Service delivery is at the top of most private companies' agenda.

Thumbs up for ArcelorMittal, a steel giant company, for their tremendous efforts to pro-

tect and change the lives of the community. The multimillion rand steel company has renovated and put new corrugated iron on the roofs of 1 250 houses in Bophelong and over 1 500 in Boipatong. Mittal has shown com-

passion by taking out asbestos and replacing it with corrugated iron.

Prudence Masike,anager: Corporate Responsibility, said that not every household is satisfied. As a steel manufacturing company,

Mittal deemed it important to pull their sleeves up and roof the houses. Abestos is a health hazard and exposes the community to danger. It affects lungs and causes asbestosis. Households were asked

to sign indemnity forms. "We understand that people have been living under these dangerous conditions for years," said a spokesperson. After removing the asbestos beam, filling is the next step. The focus is mainly on the former-governmental housing.

The company is not roofing the extended parts of houses. Asked where they take the asbestos to, she responded that its going to be totally dismantled. We make sure that asbestos is nowhere to be seen again. Ster received calls within the community demanding the company also assist with the extended houses. People are claiming that they are also part of the community.



A company replaced asbestos with corrugated iron donated by ArcelorMittal steel company. This was the last out of 1250 houses conducted in Bophelong. Photo: Lazarus Dithagiso