

Mittal supports Katleho home for physically disabled

VANDERBIJLPARK. - ArcelorMittal South Africa, Africa's largest steel-maker, recently announced the official opening of the Katleho Home for the Mentally Ill and Physically Disabled based in Evaton. The construction of the R500 000 project was a joint effort between ArcelorMittal South Africa, the Lusa Community Chest, MM Civils, Vaal Toyota, MooiVaal Media , IFM Radio and Vaal Commando Motor Cycling Club.

The project started in 2011 when ArcelorMittal was approached by Lusa Community Chest for assistance with the restoration and repair of the building that was dilapidated and used for to accommodate 26 mentally and physically disabled adults and children.

Some of the challenges noted at the time included the lack of toilet facilities, poor sanitation, a leaking roof and a generally decaying

infrastructure. The foundation was not properly laid down and the walls were uneven and cracked.

"The original structure was not suitable for human habitation and we therefore decided to assist with the rebuilding of the home by sponsoring R250 000.00 towards this worthy cause. We felt that we could not allow anyone to live in such detrimental and hazardous living conditions," explains Maggie Mopedi, Manager of Corporate Social Responsibility and External Relations at ArcelorMittal South Africa.

Aside from ArcelorMittal's generous contribution, MM Civils was responsible for project management, supervision and all brick works, while the Vaal Commando Motor Cycling Club sponsored R10 000 towards the construction phase of the project. The remain-

ing partners were involved with all the finishings and furniture for the house.

The project started in 2012 and was recently completed. The Katleho Home is a 24-hour state-of-the-art care facility for mentally and physically disabled children who are in need of special care and attention.

The new building is fully equipped with secure walls, a solid roof, plumbing and electrical lines, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a fully functional kitchen and a ramp for wheel-chairs.

"I would like to extend my gratitude to all the partners who generously contributed towards the construction of the Katleho Home's new building.

"It will provide a better future and a place of hope for the disabled community of Evaton," concludes Mopedi.