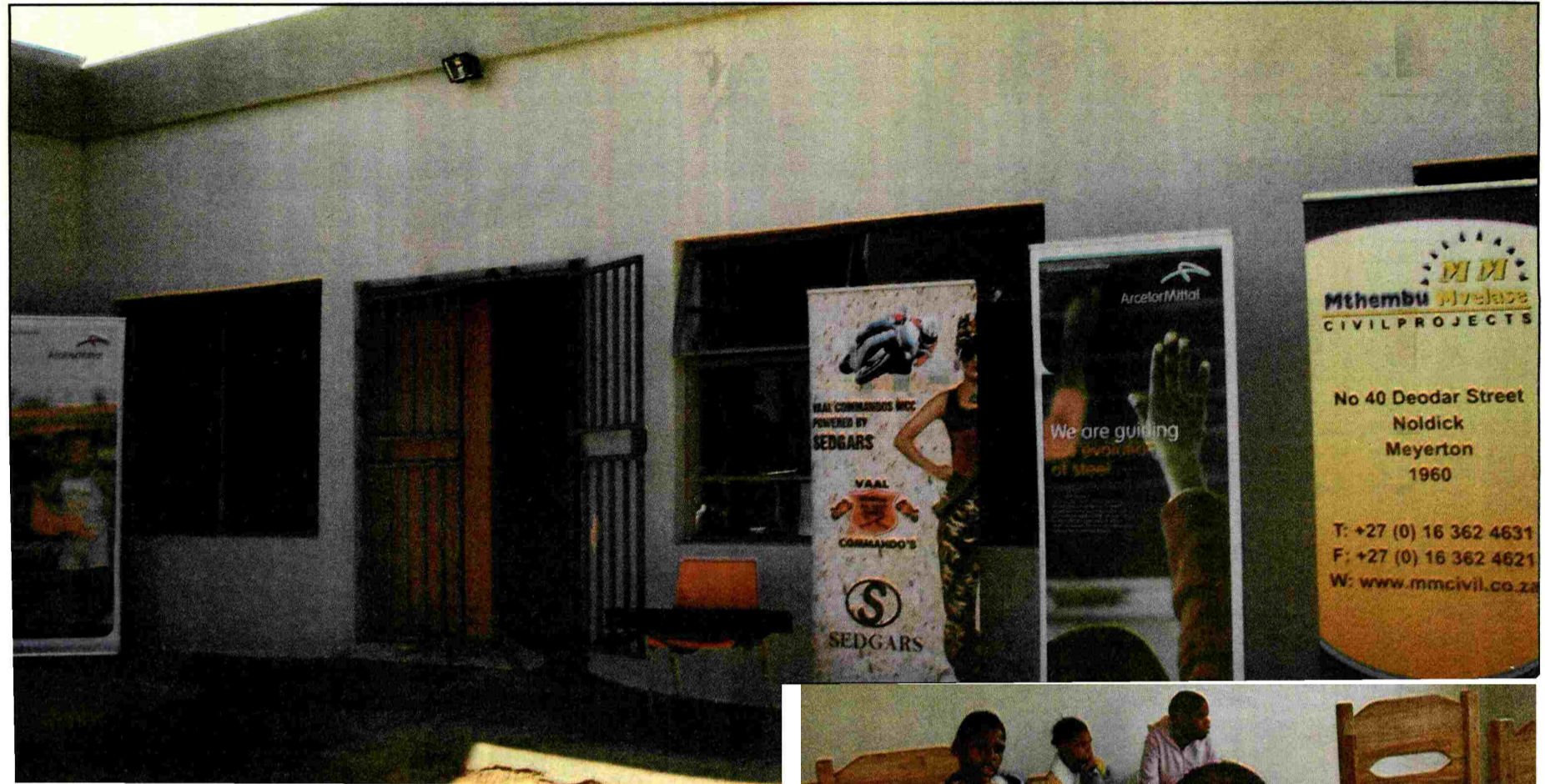


# Place called home - Katleho Home for the Disabled



Numerous stakeholders made a success of turning this place into the new Katleho Home for the Physically Disabled. It was opened in style recently.

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EVATON. - ArcelorMittal South Africa - Africa's largest steelmaker - the Lusa Community Chest, MM Civils, Vaal Toyota, Mooivaal Media, IFM Radio and Vaal Commando Motor Cycling Club were pleased to officially open a reconstructed home for the disabled, Katleho Home for the Mentally ill and Physically Disabled (KHMPD) recently.

The project was a joint venture between all stakeholders mentioned above and is worth R500 000. Apparently, the home was in conditions considered dire by the Health Department.

KHMD manager Maggie Ntseole could not express her feelings during the opening. She was gobsmacked. "I don't have words to describe the extent to which I'm wowed by the help I've received from everyone - may God bless them. I wanted to help my children get a proper home today. I can boldly say that they now have a place called home. To all stakeholders I would like to send my deepest thanks," said the emotional Ntseole during the hand-over of the building.

The reconstruction project started in 2011, when ArcelorMittal South Africa was approached by Lusa Community Chest for assistance with the restoration and repair of the building

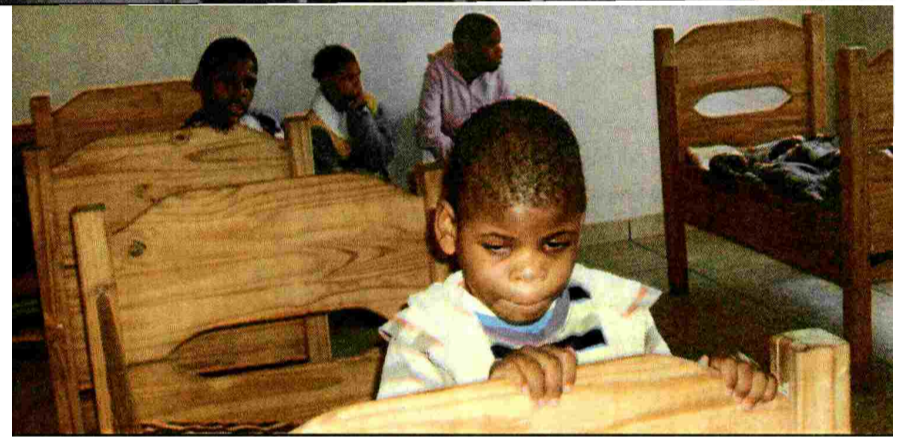
that had fallen into dilapidation, but was still used as a residence, housing 26 mentally and physically disabled adults and children. Some of the challenges noted at the time included the lack of toilet facilities, poor sanitation, a leaking roof and a generally decaying infrastructure.

"The original structure was not suitable for human habitation and we therefore decided to assist with the rebuilding of the home by sponsoring R250 000 towards this worthy cause.

We felt that we could not allow anyone to live in such detrimental and hazardous living conditions," says Maggie Mopedi, Manager of Corporate Social Responsibility and External Relations at ArcelorMittal South Africa.

Apart from ArcelorMittal's generous contribution, MM Civils were 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 remaining partners were involved with all the finishings and furniture for the house.

The home is now a 24-hour state-of-the-art facility for mentally and physically disabled children who are in need of special care and attention.



Children finally receive a home that belongs to them with all the health regulations. Photo: Mduduzi Mathebula.



Maggie Ntseole and members of Motor Cycling Club the Vaal Commandos with some of the stakeholders who contributed to the reconstruction of the Katleho Home for the Disabled. Photo: Mduduzi Mathebula.