

Third Science Centre of Excellence opened



The unveiling of the plaque



Cllr Rehman addressing the guests

ArcelorMittal South Africa, in partnership with the KwaZulu Natal Department of Education and the national Department of Science and Technology opened its third Science Centre of Excellence at Majuba College in Madadeni.

The first Science Centre was opened in 2006 in Sebokeng, Vanderbijlpark and the second one opened its doors in 2008 in Vredenburg, Saldana Bay. According to Themba Nkosi, the General Manager for Corporate Affairs, poor science and mathematics performance at secondary level and the unpopularity of science as a career path are critical challenges facing

South Africa.

“Such facilities were born after realizing the corporate South Africa has to assist government in developing maths and science literacy in previously disadvantaged communities,” he said, adding that this partnership can develop competent engineers and scientist that the country needs. Also in attendance for the official opening was the HOD for the KwaZulu Natal Department of Education, Dr Nkosinathi Sishi and the Mayor of Newcastle, Cllr Afzul Rehman.

Cllr Rehman sang praises of ArcelorMittal and the stakeholders involved and said that they have

played a huge social responsibility role with this initiative.

“This science centre will keep our community informed and also educate them on mathematics and science, subjects which are perceived as difficult,” he said.

Cllr Rehman concluded by thanking ArcelorMittal and urged other business sectors to come on board and play a vital role within society. The Madadeni Science Centre will support all high schools in Madadeni, Newcastle, Blaauwbosch, Osizweni and Dannhauser and also offers early childhood developmental programmes for Grade R to Grade 3. The day concluded with the unveiling of the plaque by Dr Sishi.