



## News alert

### **Ulula Ash and Eskom hands over Mobile Science labs to Sibongamandla Secondary and Kriel High Schools**

*An enabling partnership between PPC subsidiary Ulula Ash and Eskom saw two high-tech mobile science labs donated to Sibongamandla Secondary and Kriel High Schools in Mpumalanga on Monday. The ideal alternative for schools that don't have a laboratory of their own, the mobile lab incorporates both technology and the science equipment needed to conduct experiments covered in the high school science syllabus – bringing physics and chemistry to life as never before. The handover forms part of a greater countrywide drive by PPC, with the aim of impacting over 8 500 learners through the initiative, potentially opening up the career paths of South Africa's next generation of engineers, scientists and technicians.*

High level executives and representatives from both Ulula Ash and Eskom joined excited learners, educators and school principals in trying out the brand new mobile science labs the companies donated to Sibongamandla Secondary and Kriel High School on Monday. The laboratories (self-sufficient portable structures on wheels) will be used to teach science to grade 9, 10 and 11 learners at the schools going forward, enabling practical interactive demonstrations, as well as appropriate revision in preparation for exams next year.

Mark Hovy, Director: Ulula Ash, South Africa, reiterated that the laboratories were essentially catalysts greater and more far-reaching impact given the support services that they would unlock at both schools. "As part of the initiative, our implementation partner Brainwave will offer workshops and psychometric analysis to assist learners with their subject selection and provide them with career guidance. Skills assessments will also be done with learners going forward to support their career choices." He added that future learnership opportunities with both Ulula Ash and Eskom will additionally be explored, creating a potential career pipeline.

"For education to create a life and future of possibility for our children, corporates and government need to work together to provide the tools they need to realise their dreams. It is our hope that today's donation will unlock new career options for many of these learners, and impact their lives well into the future," says Victor Tshamano from Eskom Kriel Power Station Management.

Principals from both schools thanked all the organisations that partnered to make the hand-over possible, including PPC for assisting with the rollout.

"As a PPC subsidiary, Ulula Ash takes its role as a community enabler very seriously. By partnering with Eskom on this project, we have ensured we will leave a collective legacy – thereby shaping the futures of these learners in a positive and meaningful way. We thank everyone who contributed to this initiative, and look forward to it being the start of an



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ongoing partnership that has real impact and makes a meaningful difference,” concludes Hovy.

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