



NEWS ALERT

Entries now open for the 33rd edition of the PPC Riebeek Bergmarathon

PPC Riebeek Bergmarathon enthusiasts, recreational 'athletes' and runners wishing to qualify for the Two Oceans Marathon can now secure their place and register online for the 33rd edition of the race. Set in the majestic Riebeek Valley in the Western Cape, the race is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 4 August 2018.

Starting and finishing at the PPC Plant in Riebeek-West, the race offers four participation options. Serious runners can tackle the 42.2km marathon while experienced and novice runners who may be preparing for their first full marathon can opt for the 21km half marathon. For those who want to enjoy the scenic Riebeek Valley at a more relaxed pace, there is a 10km run/walk or a 5km fun run/walk. The event route follows a stunning and iconic course around Riebeek.

The challenge is on for the participants to beat previous records and have their names registered amongst best performers in the annual race's history books.

The PPC Riebeek Bergmarathon continues to attract athletes from far and wide, both serious and social runners who have taken up running as a hobby. Walkers are also accommodated in this family orientated event. Loyal fans of the race are encouraged to drag their friends along to join in the fun of walking or running and maybe this could be a start of a long-lasting relationship with athletics. For some this is a very good excuse for a weekend away with family to join in the festivities and jovial atmosphere of Riebeek Valley and the race event.

Whether your goal is to adopt a more active lifestyle, to finish under a certain time or to participate in a charitable cause, proper training is essential to cross the finish line.

"We are delighted that at PPC we have been able to contribute towards bringing families together with our title sponsorship of the event. Not only that, but many participants have also been able to fulfil their dreams of becoming marathon runners in the 33 years that we have supported the event. We look forward to welcoming more participants this year when the race kicks off at our plant in August," says Bernard Venter, General Manager at PPC Riebeek.

The race has become a hit with the local community and it is a landmark event in their calendar. The event also offers all those who attend a wonderful opportunity to experience true Swartland hospitality.

Entries for the 2018 PPC Riebeek Bergmarathon Marathon will stay open until: 23 July 2018. All entry enquiries can be directed to: ppcrbm@ppc.co.za or call 061 919 1003 or to enter online visit www.ppc.co.za.

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A leading supplier of cement, lime and related products in southern Africa, PPC has 11 cement factories and a lime manufacturing facility in six African countries including South Africa, Botswana, DRC, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Zimbabwe. The commissioning of PPC's milling depot, located in Harare, Zimbabwe and the completion of new integrated cement plants in the DRC and Ethiopia during 2017 bring PPC's capacity to around eleven and a half million tons of cement per year, compared to 8 million tons in 2015.

As part of its strategy and long-term vision, PPC is expanding its operations in South Africa with the modernisation of its PPC Slurry complex outside Mafikeng in the North West province. In April 2018 the new kiln, Slurry kiln 9 (SK9) was fired up for the first time marking a key milestone in the project.

PPC Lime, located in the Northern Cape province of South Africa, is one of the largest lime producers in the southern hemisphere. It produces metallurgical-grade calcitic and dolomitic lime and sinter stone for use mainly in the steel and related industries.

The acquisition of Pronto Holdings, consisting of Pronto Building Materials, Ulula Ash and 3Q Mahuma Concrete, has grown PPC's footprint in the readymix sector to over 25 batching plants across South Africa and Mozambique and capacity to produce fly ash to half a million tons.

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