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**AFRISAM HANDS OVER NEW KITCHEN FACILITIES AT
METOLOANENG PRIMARY SCHOOL IN LESOTHO**

Leading black-controlled construction materials group AfriSam has handed over a newly built and fully furnished kitchen to the pupils and teachers of Metoloaneng Primary School at Tseking in Mphaki, Lesotho. The completion of the project was celebrated at a function at the school attended by dignitaries from AfriSam, the Department of Education, villagers, teachers and learners, Thato Tsuene, Country Manager, AfriSam Lesotho, says.

AfriSam's relationship with the school goes back a number of years. In 2010 it constructed three classrooms for learners, following an incident in 2007 when makeshift tents being used as classrooms were blown over by fierce winds. The lack of proper facilities at the time resulted in a gradual decline in the number of scholars.

AfriSam also funded the construction of new ablution facilities for the school in 2012, comprising three toilets with a total of 14 seats. Past contributions from AfriSam include building a perimeter fence around the school as well as the provision of school shoes for the learners.

"We hope that these facility improvements will serve as motivation for more learners to enrol at the school and get educated, with the vision of a better future for themselves and their people," Tsuene says.

AfriSam has an intensive CSR programme that focuses on education and conservation. The company is involved in various educational projects nationwide, with the aim of empowering and equipping communities with the necessary knowledge and skills, as well as providing them with the tools and facilities to become self-reliant and sustainable.

"AfriSam's overall CSR mission is to understand the needs of society and communities in areas where we do business in order to make meaningful and sustainable contributions to their upliftment and long term development," Tsuene says.

ABOUT AFRISAM (PTY) LTD

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SCHOOL HANDOVER IN LESOTHO PIC 01 : The newly built, fully furnished kitchen handed over by AfriSam will provide daily meals for learners at Metoloaneng Primary School.

SCHOOL HANDOVER IN LESOTHO PIC 02 : The completion of the project was celebrated at a function held at Metoloaneng Primary School that was attended by AfriSam representatives such as Tsholo Diale, CSR manager, in addition to local community, school and government representatives, all seen here in the new kitchen facilities.

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