THOHOYANDOU COMMUNITY TO ENJOY A R1.1 MILLION GRASSED FIELD

The soccer loving children of Tshisahulu, Thohoyandou, Venda, will have their dream of playing for the first time on a green soccer field come true this Saturday, 18th September 2010. The DBSA will be testing the newly grassed pitch worth over a R1.1 million as part of ensuring that international quality standards are met.

The facility, which boasts of an automated irrigation system, a perimeter fence and steel grandstands will host a soccer event that will be used to test the durability of the facility.

Alta Theron, DBSA Manager says, “The seed was planted in 2008 where the 18 schools from the villages of Tshisahulu, Duthuni, Lamondo and Mapate competed against each other at the two newly built soccer fields with some of them wearing new soccer kits.

The grassed field is part of the second phase of the Tshisahulu Dreamfields Project and will afford the children of Tshisahulu and surrounding villages the opportunity to experience the excitement of playing on such a facility.”

According to Theron, “This initiative is part of implementing development concepts that seek to integrate the socio-economic factors in an effort to create self-sustaining communities. The DBSA regards ‘the creation of places where people can live, work, play and worship’ as essential for the establishment of Sustainable Communities”.

The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) as part of its Sustainable Communities Programme, joined hands with the Dreamfields Project by contributing R6 million for the construction, renewal and development of soccer fields in the townships and rural areas of Tshisahulu in Limpopo, Driekoppies in Mpumalanga and Elliotdale in the Eastern Cape.

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