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43 EPWP Participants Graduate Towards Permanent Employment

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Joy and celebration filled the air as 43 proud participants graduated from a 12-month Safety and Security learnership programme, hosted under the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). The graduation ceremony, held at Nkangala District Municipality, honoured learners who completed the SASSETA-accredited NQF Level 3 qualification — paving the way for possible permanent employment at Bidvest Protea Coin.

This impactful learnership was made possible through a strategic partnership between Nkangala District Municipality, the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) – EPWP, Bidvest Protea Coin, and Nsiherelo Security Services. Participants underwent four months of theoretical training, followed by eight months of practical training with Nsiherelo Security.

Delivering a message of support, Ms. Pearl Lukwago-Mugwera, Chief Director: EPWP Operations, praised the graduates:

“You have taken a bold step towards a brighter future—for yourselves and your communities. We appreciate the presence of Bidvest Protea Coin and look forward to seeing you absorb these participants into permanent roles.”

She also extended sincere gratitude to all stakeholders for their commitment in making the programme a success.

Executive Mayor of Nkangala District Municipality, Cllr. Thomas Diphepheng Ngwenya, delivered the keynote address and encouraged the graduates to remain grounded in wisdom from elders, while embracing their new opportunities:

“You are entering a field full of potential. Your role in community safety is critical. Let us also review our recruitment processes to better support those who face challenges during training.”

Graduate Mr. Lungile Masilela delivered a heartfelt message of thanks on behalf of his peers:

“This opportunity restores hope and dignity to the black child. Let’s grab it with both hands—this certificate is the key to many doors.”

The graduation ceremony was attended by officials from the DPWI (National, Regional, and Provincial offices), Nkangala District Municipality, Bidvest Protea Coin, and Nsiherelo Security Services, marking a memorable milestone in EPWP’s ongoing mission to create sustainable employment pathways.

