

## **NEW CLASSROOMS AND ABLUTION FACILITIES AT HAWK ACADEMY**

**Johannesburg, 05 June 2019** – The Abcon Group Foundation (AGF) is pleased to announce the donation of four new containers which will serve as classrooms and additional ablution facilities for the learners at Hawk Academy in Primrose, Germiston, at a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier today.

The Hawk Academy (English medium) school was founded in 2015 by the Mkhonto Family and registered with the Department of Education in 2016. The school started their operations in a mine office building situated along Main Reef Road in Primrose and it became evident that it needed to be formalised further by developing a suitable school facility.

Redefine Properties in partnership with Abland, one of South Africa's leading property developers for over 30 years, donated 6.5 hectares of land towards the development of the school that now accommodates 1,200 learners from Grade R up to Grade 12. JSE listed Redefine is part of the FTSE/JSE Top 40 index, making it one of the 40 largest listed companies in South Africa by market capitalisation.

AGF was introduced to the school in 2017 and has since fully committed most of its socio-economic development proceeds towards the school. This has included the provision of a fully equipped library, a 20,000 litre water tank, in partnership with Redefine 36 toilets and 2 additional classrooms in the past 2 years. It has also doubled the existing area of the school providing more space for the additional classrooms, ablution facilities and play areas for the children.

"Children in the area who had nowhere to go for any schooling have found a new home to go to, not only for schooling but to play in the open school premises. Most of the families residing in the Delpot and Marathon informal settlement rely on government grants and cannot afford the price of education and transport, while some are not documented and therefore do not qualify for grants. The school has become a haven of hope for the community," said **Londiwe Mthembu, Managing Director, Abcon Group Foundation**.

**Marijke Coetzee, Head of Marketing & Communications, Redefine Properties says,** "We recognise the unique social responsibility that comes with being a leading South African REIT. Our aim is to manage and create spaces in a way that changes lives and contributes to the development of more collaborative communities in and around our buildings."

Through the funds raised by AGF, it assists Hawk Academy with infrastructure development and maintenance, and continues to be actively involved with various programmes at the school and in the community. These include donating stationery, toys and toiletries, feeding schemes, painting and cleaning of the facilities, book drives, as well as various employee volunteer programs.

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The AGF has the ability to raise money through the Abcon Group's BEE spend. The strategic partners of the Abcon Group, directly and indirectly, support the AGF. The Abcon Group and its strategic partners support the AGF through various fundraising initiatives such as potjiekos competitions and golf days.

The AGF has been set up to drive the transformation strategy of the Abcon Group by providing of B-BBEE advisory services and the facilitation of opportunities to invest in Skills Development and Training, Enterprise and Supplier Development and Socio-economic Development. These opportunities are not limited to the Abcon Group but are available to our strategic partners.