

Fodder mix modernised thanks to G4



Waterval Smelter supplier G4 Mining and Civils donated a STORTi husky MT 50 fodder mixer to the Baruakgomo Agricultural Cooperative on Thursday 22 September.

CNH Case mechanic Hermanus Engelbrecht provided training to operate the machinery.

A mobile fodder mixer like the husky MT 50 is an indispensable tool in modern livestock farming. The mixer is fitted onto a trailer, which means the fodder can be mixed and distributed at locations convenient to the farmer. The husky MT 50 chops the fodder and the three horizontal augers mix the fodder with the added supplements.

At the official handover on a farm in the Mamerotse village outside Rustenburg, the cooperative and neighbouring farmers and farmhands received practical training on how to use the fodder mixer safely and effectively. The farmers were given detailed training on how to operate the mixer and about the various settings on the mixer's electronic input device. They also received several fodder mix recipes, giving the exact mixing ratios of the ingredients.

The husky MT 50 uses less power than previous models in the husky range. It is easy to maintain, and it produces a high-quality fodder mix. The automated mixer also saves on manpower and sweat, and it takes less time to mix the fodder than previously.

The [11] farmers of the Baruakgomo Agricultural Cooperative which was



From left: G4 Mining and Civils managing director Quintin Badenhorst, site agent Phenyane Tshela, and contracts manager Desmond Rudman.

formed in 2011, mainly farm with cattle.

The cattle feed produced by the automated mixer will be used to produce fodder that will supplement the cattle's dietary intake. Instead of having to buy cattle feed, the cooperative is now able to produce their own supplement fodder and they can also sell it to neighbouring farmers as an alternative income.

"This is a major boost for our cooperative," said Baruakgomo Agricultural Cooperative chairperson Benedict Nke.

"The investment in this machine will not go to waste. The training you've supplied today will ensure that we use the machine properly, safely, and efficiently."

He added: "We can now explore various options of growing and processing livestock feed as we have the capacity to produce and sell it."

The season, the weather and the ingredients fed into the fodder mixer all influence the end product, which is the feed for the cattle.



Says G4 Mining and Civils managing director Quintin Badenhorst: "More farmers pitched up than we expected; the interest was tremendous! We are proud to be ongoing supporters and investors in our host communities."

Tebogo Matolo, Waterval Smelter's socio-economic development officer, applauded G4's initiative: "We fully support and appreciate our supplier's donation and training. It ultimately re-imagines mining to improve people's lives."

About G4 Mining and Civils

Founded in 2012, G4 Mining and Civils has grown to a progressive multi-faceted civil, mining and engineering company. For more info, visit g4miningandcivils.co.za



The a STORTi husky MT 50 horizontal mixer wagon donated to the cooperative.



This is what you call collaboration!



Baruakgomo Agriculture Cooperative member Isaia Nke (left) and chairperson Benedict Nke.



From left: G4 Mining and Civils managing director Quintin Badenhorst, site agent Phenyane Tshehla, contracts manager Desmond Rudman, and Waterval Smelter socio-economic development officer Tebogo Matolo.



From left: Baruakgomo Agriculture Cooperative members Thabo Moeng, Johannes Monyamane, Isaia Nke, secretary Martin Montoedi, and chairperson Benedict Nke.



The attendees grouped around the mixer to get practical training on how to operate the machine.