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Rand Refinery, in partnership with Department of Education, hands over new toilet, ablution to thousands of children at two schools in Germiston

Johannesburg, 8 November 2022 – Rand Refinery and the Gauteng Department of Education's socio-economic development partnership has kicked into high gear with two schools in Germiston receiving crucial water, sanitation and infrastructure upgrades.

During a handover of the new facilities at Laerskool Germiston Primary school today, Rand Refinery CEO Praveen Baijnath said that Rand Refinery, in partnership with the department, aimed to ensure children receive the basic facilities they deserve to ensure a conducive learning environment that will enable children to learn and strive to achieve all their goals.

"All children need to be provided with an environment in which they can thrive, and as a company we want to apply our resources, skills and funds to help. Our focus has been on improving the basics facilities like toilets, water and ablutions in schools close to our office in Germiston, and I am privileged to be able to hand over these new facilities," he said.

Laerskool Germiston's 1,152 pupils will arrive at school today to find brand new basic facilities, such as wash hand basins, urinals, chambers and water closets, while current asbestos classrooms and ablutions have been replaced with new Prefab facilities.

In a follow-up handover at Galway Primary School, which is home to 1,300 students and 3kms from Rand Refinery's operations, the joint project delivered new prefabricated ablution facilities.

Rand Refinery and the Gauteng Department of Education's socio-economic development partnership has the broad aim to assist 6 schools in the Germiston

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area which are all in close vicinity of Rand Refinery's operations and focused on water and sanitation projects. The total value is circa R5.6 million.

"Covid-19 has created a huge strain on parents in terms of employment and loss of income which has resulted in schools not being able to achieve the school fee collections. This has resulted in school governing bodies and management staff not being able to carry out maintenance projects that would be conventionally planned," concludes Baijnath.