

Kropz mine spent millions in SBM

Kropz mining company say more than 30% of staff recruited during the construction phase were local.

According to Kropz, at the end of February 2017, expenditure within the Saldanha Bay Municipality (SBM) area during the construction phase exceeded R132 million.

This excludes salaries and wages, which amounted to a further R60 million. Recruitment

for the operational phase is now underway.

Kropz says it was agreed with its long term contractors, who were also present at the public feedback meeting last Thursday, to where possible, only appoint residents from SBM.

“Hopefield residents in particular will be given priority owing to the community’s socio-economic needs. The company understands the dire need for

jobs in the region,” says Kropz.

During the construction period, a total of 1,776 jobs were created of which 927 were given to SBM residents.

Kropz says their community liaison officer, Malcolm May, is responsible for maintaining a database of job seekers from Hopefield, and the greater SBM area, but states he doesn’t have any direct influence over who is employed.