

## SCOREBET SITE OPENING IN ZEERUST CREATES JOBS FOR THE LESS-PRIVILEGED



It's a profitable industry with a turn-over of hundreds of millions per annum. And sadly, it hasn't reached the shores of the previously disadvantaged communities many years since the dawn of democracy. In an instance where Blacks occupy the high echelons of these companies, they are simply there for cosmetic purposes.

North West Gambling Board Legal Manager, Jacob Montshioa maintains the Board is committed to change this narrative. He mentioned this during the site opening of Scorebet in Zeerust in North West province. He insisted that over and above the mandate to regulate gambling in the province they are duty bound to create economic opportunities for the previously disadvantaged individuals and communities.

*"One key element is for the gambling operations to have at least sixty percent ownership by previously disadvantaged individuals."*

Mr Montshioa believes that creation of employment should top the agenda of any institution particularly when one looks at the challenges of poverty and income inequalities confronting the province.

*"This will surely contribute towards eliminating illegal gambling, and also assist in terms of job creations as well as pushing for illegal operations to see the importance of obtaining a license"* said Mr Montshioa.

To date over one hundred permanent job opportunities have been created in the three operations recently opened in Rustenburg, Klerksdorp and Zeerust. More in-direct jobs were created during the construction phase of these operations. Business development manager, Tracey Kotze has indicated

that more job opportunities will be created in the month of August as they are looking to open more sites in the province. This will see more than forty-seven job opportunities being created.

*“I am very ecstatic that they’ve opened the 1<sup>st</sup> Scorebet in Zeerust, and aslo the fact that we are in the process of opening three more operations sites during the month of August”* Kotze said.

The North-West Gambling Board has reiterated that its primary role is to diversify the gambling sector in the province for the benefit of all South Africans, irrespective of race, gender and class.