

# ParkerStore Limpopo officially opens its doors



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ParkerStore Limpopo was officially opened on Friday.



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**Tebogo Macheke, ParkerStore Limpopo Chairperson of the Board, and Thembi Nkadimeng, Polokwane Executive Mayor, officially open the store during the grand opening on Friday.**

Friday 18 May 2018 marked the culmination of an idea that began 11 years ago when Brian 'Gk' Munetsi, the Founder and Executive Director of ParkerStore Limpopo ditched his professional career for a chance at doing something that seemed impossible at that point, starting a business. An entrepreneur at heart, working from the back of his bakkie and on his dining room table the pursuit of his dreams began which resulted in the distribution and selling of Parker Hannifin products.

ParkerStore Limpopo was officially opened by Polokwane Executive Mayor Cllr Thembi Nkadimeng and Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (Ledet) MEC, the Hon. Seaparo Sekoati in the presence of other dignitaries from the Limpopo Legislature. A 100% independently owned and managed, Black Economic Empowerment entity, ParkerStore Limpopo is housed in an 800 m<sup>2</sup> modern facility comprising of the front office block, state-of-the-art hydraulic fabrication workshop, a show-room, a warehouse with a strong stockholding valued at R30 million on all the Parker Hannifin Motion and Control products. ParkerStore Limpopo is strategically located in the new Industrial zone close to South African Breweries at number 10 Mafanedza Street, Extension 91, Polokwane, Limpopo.

The store was established in answer to the province's demand for hydraulic hoses and fittings, pneumatics, filtration, sealing and

shielding, instrumentation and genuine spare parts for heavy and light duty equipment, machinery and automotive within mining, construction, agriculture, transportation, heavy and light manufacturing industry.

When welcoming guests, Tebogo Macheke, ParkerStore Limpopo Chairperson of the Board said they were grateful to finally open the store and thanked her team and attendees for making the gathering a success.

In her congratulatory note Nkadimeng emphasised that starting a business was never an easy task but required a lot of hard work, dedication and perseverance. She further said it was encouraging that ParkerStore Limpopo was led by a woman. "I would be lying if I said it is going to get easy. The road ahead will come with its obstacles. We should assist and support each other in the struggle and as the city we pledge to support you were necessary," she stated.

Evershree Mathadeen, Country Distribution and Retail Manager at Parker Hannifin Africa indicated that ParkerStore Limpopo was one of their largest outlets and that Parker Hannifin will support the store wholeheartedly.

Brian Munetsi, ParkerStore Limpopo Executive Director told the guests that the idea of opening a store started 11 years ago and they started supplying mines with equipment using only his bakkie. He explained that they were dealing mostly in Parker equipment and they were told to forward an application for a franchise. "We were excited after learning that our application was successful. We are looking forward to the road ahead and providing Limpopo with best equipment," Munetsi said.

Makhosi Nyoni, Head of Special Projects at Barloworld Equipment Southern Africa, con-

gratulated the owners of the store and added that they were looking forward to a healthy and solid working relationship. He urged the company's leaders to invest in their employees to ensure that customers get the best service.

When delivering a keynote address, Sekoati said the province wanted such initiative to contribute to its economic growth, adding that Limpopo was relying primarily on the mining industry. He emphasised that they welcome the birth of ParkerStore Limpopo and were hopeful that it would contribute enormously to Limpopo's economy and provide good service to its customers both in the province and Mpumalanga. He went on to say that Government works closely with the private sector to ensure economic sustainability.

Tebogo Brian van Wyk, ParkerStore Limpopo Director said job creation and economic growth were vital and their mandate was to contribute to the provincial growth and render the best service. He added that they were looking forward to working with various customers and thanked the attendees for honouring their invitation.

Jacob Motlhabi, ParkerStore Limpopo Technical Director said business needs perseverance and patience to succeed and urged aspiring entrepreneurs to keep pushing and knocking on different doors until one of them opens.

ParkerStore Limpopo's goal is to improve clients' productivity and profitability by delivering everything needed for motion and control related applications in one place, so not a beat is missed. The store supplies complete turn-key solutions on hydraulics, hoses, fittings, pumps, motors, valves, pneumatics to original equipment manufacturer (OEM) specifications.



**Polokwane Executive Mayor Thembi Nkadimeng and Ledet MEC Seaparo Sekoati unveil the ParkerStore Limpopo plaque.**



**Seaparo Sekoati, Ledet MEC, Tebogo Macheke, ParkerStore Limpopo Chairperson of the Board, Thembi Nkadimeng, Polokwane Executive Mayor, John Dombo, Senior Manager Ivan Plats, Brian Munetsi, ParkerStore Limpopo Executive Director, and Lehlogonolo Masoga, Deputy Speaker of the Legislature after the unveiling of the plaque.**



**Present at the opening ceremony are, in front, Evershree Mathadeen, Country Distribution and Retail Manager Parker Hannifin Africa, Seaparo Sekoati, Ledet MEC, Tebogo Macheke, ParkerStore Limpopo Chairperson of the Board, Brian Munetsi, ParkerStore Limpopo Executive Director, Thembi Nkadimeng, Polokwane Executive Mayor, Lehlogonolo Masoga, Deputy Speaker of the Legislature, Jacob Motlhabi, ParkerStore Limpopo Technical Director, and Tebogo Brain van Wyk, ParkerStore Limpopo Director. At the back are John Dombo, Senior Manager Ivan Plats, and Eugène Nortjé, Stefanutti Stocks Mining Services New Business Development.**

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