

The Chrome Dinner



Corporate and Social Responsibility Award Nomination

Nominee: Bidvest Protea Coin

Bidvest Protea Coin is proud to be nominated for the **Corporate and Social Responsibility Award** for its commitment to community development, skills training, employment creation, and local economic empowerment within communities surrounding chrome mining operations in the North-West Province.

Recognising the importance of creating sustainable opportunities for local communities, Bidvest Protea Coin, through its accredited training centre, **Gijima**, implemented a comprehensive learner development programme consisting of a 3-month theoretical and practical intervention aimed at training and placing local community members within the mining security environment.

Over the past 12 months, Bidvest Protea Coin successfully trained a total of **134 learners** from communities surrounding the nine chrome mining operations it services.

These community members received professional security training through the Gijima Training Centre and were subsequently considered for placement opportunities on chrome mining operations, providing valuable employment prospects and career development pathways.

The initiative has delivered benefits far beyond skills development by:

- Creating employment opportunities for local residents.
- Reducing unemployment within mining communities.
- Enabling local residents to start a career in security and instilling a sense of pride and accomplishment.
- Supporting economic development in surrounding areas.
- Empowering individuals with accredited, transferable skills.
- Strengthening relationships between mining operations and host communities.
- Promoting sustainable social investment and community participation.

By investing in people and creating pathways to meaningful employment, Bidvest Protea Coin has demonstrated a genuine commitment to social responsibility and community upliftment. The programme has positively impacted hundreds of family members through the economic opportunities created for trained learners.

For its outstanding contribution to education, skills development, employment creation, and community empowerment, Bidvest Protea Coin is a deserving candidate for the Corporate and Social Responsibility Award.