



About Us

Company Registration:

Umbani Wezulu Pest Control And Services is a 100% Black community based company. It was established on the by Mr Madimetja John Ledwaba. The company contributes to the development of areas around its place of operations in Bronkhorstspuit through social upliftment and enviromental awareness programmes which it runs from time to time.

We offer sustainable environmental management solutions specializing in the Aquatic sector. Our invasive alien plant control methods comply with the health and environmental regulations.

Mr Ledwaba is a renowned social entrepreneur around his community of Ekangala. He has strong background in Dairy production but always had a passion to contribute to natural conservation hence he pounced on the opportunity to to provide pest control services in late 2009. He later decided to start his own company in which he is preserving the environment and

provide job opportunities to the community in particular the most underprivileged. He has gained vast experience in the field over the years and acquired among other qualifications, Basic Business Management, Health and Safety Level 2 and Basic Sales and Marketing skills and Bookkeeping and Accounting skills. He has a great sense of humour and a touch personality and is highly self-motivated and result-driven.

Umbani Wezulu Pest Control and Services increased its capacity with the equipment funded by the Gauteng Enterprise Propeller through the Community Fund programme, making it possible to tap into Alien Plant Control opportunities. With the support we get from the agency, our marketing approach is better after receiving the much needed marketing tools and the basic Sales and Marketing and Bookkeeping and Accounting Skills training. He is coupling the skills with his vast experience in the field and also has completed the First Aid and Herbicide Applicator courses. The skills will help the company to deliver and realize its objectives and vision effectively and efficiently.

The company's expertise has been recognized widely and it has won the consecutive contracts in the working for water programme, contributing towards social upliftment and sustainable conservation.

Our team:

The company currently employs 5 full time and 6 temporary employees during projects. We have a team of young, dynamic and dedicated people who form an integral part of the company's success. Our staff is comprised of 60% women, 40% youth and we always strive for 2% disabled persons. We recruit our staff from indigent families.

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Business Support

The company is the beneficiary in the Gauteng Enterprise Propeller's SMME Support. We received the most essential equipment and material through the Community Fund and Business Development Support Programmes. We are already utilizing them to our advantage by undertaking multiple projects and employing more people. We also acquired critical business

management skills in Basic Sales and Marketing and bookkeeping and Accounting. The skills are going to help us to deliver an excellent service to our clients and further grow our company. We are proud to be supported by GEP.

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Umaganda Trading And Projects in the field:



Our MOTTO

“Do Green Deeds and save the environment”

Vision

To transform our environment and make it healthier and greener

Mission

Make the community aware of the plight of our environment and

how they can change the it through daily actions

Our Core Values:

- Family Atmosphere
- Standardization
- Sympathy
- Down-to-Earth

Our core services:

- Destruction and control of invasive Alien Plants and Species.
- Gardening and related services
- Tree Felling

Our projects:

Active:

- Tenders for the Working for Water Programme – (Department of Environmental Affairs).

Previous:

- We completed a number of garden development projects in the community and doing ongoing maintenance.

The Environmental challenge we all face:

The business addressed the urgent challenge to manage alien plants and related water consumption and blocking of rivers.

- Invasive alien species are plants, animals and microbes that are introduced into countries, and then out-compete the indigenous species.
- Invasive alien plants (IAPs) pose a direct threat not only to South Africa's biological diversity, but also to water security, the ecological functioning of natural

systems and the productive use of land. They intensify the impact of fires and floods and increase soil erosion. IAPs can divert enormous amounts of water from more productive uses and invasive aquatic plants, such as the water hyacinth, effect agriculture, fisheries, transport, recreation and water supply.

- Of the estimated 9000 plants introduced to this country, 198 are currently classified as being invasive. It is estimated that these plants cover about 10% of the country and the problem is growing at an exponential rate.
- The fight against invasive alien plants is spearheaded by the Working for Water (WfW) programme, launched in 1995 and administered through the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry. This programme works in partnership with local communities, to whom it provides jobs, and also with Government departments including the Departments of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Agriculture, and Trade and Industry, provincial departments of agriculture, conservation and environment, research foundations and private companies.

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