



NEW TRAIN-BUILDING FACTORY

ABOUT US

Gibela – a partnership between Alstom, a multi-national world leader in integrated transport systems, and South Africa’s uBumbano Rail and New Africa Rail – was launched in 2014 to deliver on two major contracts with the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA):

- one for the manufacture of 600 state-of-the-art X'Trapolis Mega commuter trains over 10 years for Metrorail; and
- the other for the supply of technical services and spares for the trains over their first 19 years in service.

Other key contractual obligations to PRASA include:

- the construction of a R1 billion train-building factory in Ekurhuleni, with a training centre to serve the needs of both Gibela and a revitalised South African rail industry as whole;
- prioritisation of historically disadvantaged South Africans for jobs and skills development, in particular women and young people;
- prioritisation of black-owned businesses for the supply of rail-related goods and services, in particular those owned by women; and
- contributions towards the development of South Africa’s historically disadvantaged communities.

THE TRAINS



The six-car X'trapolis Mega sets a globally competitive benchmark for South African commuter rail transport, unprecedented in the country's history.

Built to carry up to 1 218 passengers, this train is:



safer



faster



more reliable



more comfortable



equipped with air-conditioning, wi-fi and a host of other modern features

To expedite delivery to PRASA while Gibela's new factory was being constructed, the first 20 of the 600 trains were built in Brazil, using South African materials and involving South Africans on Gibela's skills-transfer programme.

Two of the Brazil-built trains were for testing purposes only; 17 are now in commercial service and have already clocked up a total of more than 220 000 km.

First 20 trains built in Brazil



Built with 20% South African content

Skills transferred to South Africans

The six-car X'trapolis Mega sets a globally competitive benchmark for South African commuter rail transport

THE FACTORY

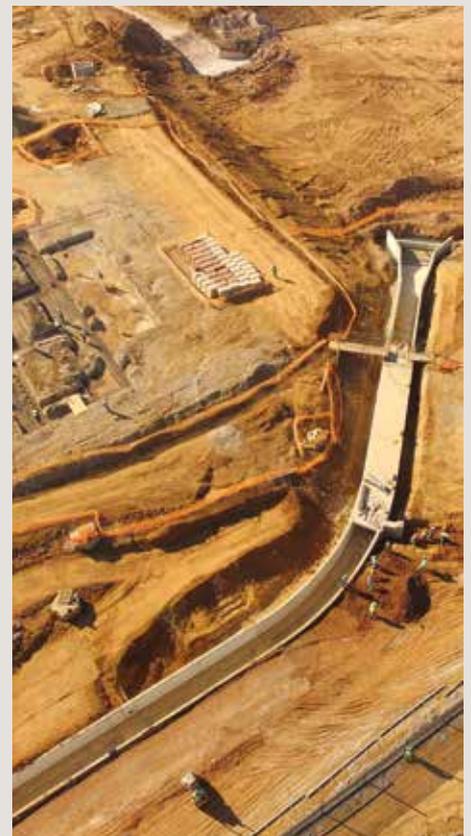


Gibela's factory, also to be its corporate office – currently under construction and already 60% complete – occupies a site covering more than 85 hectares at Dunnottar in Ekurhuleni.

A suite of 11 buildings associated with the manufacturing process cover some 31 500m² and the training centre, a further 4 000m².

A 1.2km test track for the new trains is under construction on site, together with a dam to responsibly manage a pre-existing wetland, leaving ample space for a supplier park to be developed by Gibela shareholder uBumbano Rail.

The factory is scheduled for completion in January 2018



THE PEOPLE



Currently, more than 400 people are directly employed by Gibela; the number will rise to more than 1 500 once the factory is in full production.

More than 200 engineers and technicians – including 80 women – have been trained and deployed as full-time Gibela employees; 50 skilled and semi-skilled artisans and technicians have been recruited; and 65 apprentices selected to begin their apprenticeships at the new training centre. Over the next 10 years, it is planned for the training centre to skill 19 500 people for careers across South Africa's rail sector.

Bursaries have been awarded to 250 South African students for study in rail-related fields at South African tertiary institutions.

To meet its demanding local content requirement of at least 65%, Gibela has onboarded 54 South African suppliers to supply materials, parts and services. In the process, more than 4 700 jobs are being supported by the company's activities.



Some 820 people have secured fixed-term employment during the construction of the factory

1 500
permanent jobs

TRAINING CENTRE TO SKILL
19 500

54 SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPLIERS onboard

COMMUNITY



Educational support – for learners and educators, from early learning to post-Matric – has been the focus thus far of Gibela’s support to historically disadvantaged communities in Ekurhuleni. Communities closest to the factory have been prioritised.

For example, the company has made a R6.7 million investment in Saturday maths, science and English classes to support some 450 learners in Grades 10, 11 and 12 at 17 schools in Nigel, Duduza and KwaThema.

And a free railway introduction course, run in conjunction with Ekurhuleni East College, is proving popular with senior secondary school pupils and students from technical vocational education and training (TVET) colleges and universities.

Primary healthcare, community centres and agriculture have been identified as additional areas of community support, moving forward

To ensure its ongoing responsiveness to communities, Gibela – in conjunction with Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality – has instituted a stakeholder forum and has employed full-time community liaison officers to maintain channels of communication between the company, the municipality, community members and their recognised leaders.

Maths, science and English classes for 450 learners from 17 schools in Nigel, Duduza and KwaThema



LOOKING AHEAD



Gibela's first South Africa train is scheduled to roll off the production line at its Ekurhuleni factory at the end of 2018.

62 trains a year
will be produced at peak production.



*South African trains,
built in South Africa,
by South Africans, for
South Africans*



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Pamella Radebe

Communications Director: Gibela

+27 10 600 0689

pamella.radebe@gibela-rail.com

www.gibela-rail.com