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NICOZDIAMOND INSURANCE **DONATION TO ENTEMBENI OLD PEOPLE'S HOME**

NicozDiamond is committed to supporting the less privileged in the communities in which it operates through its corporate social responsibility programme. Being an insurance company, the business understands the importance of timely and effective support for people in times of need.

Against this background and in line with the company's CSR programme, NicozDiamond identified a need at Entembeni Old People's Home for various medical supplies which were procured at the value of ZWL2, 100,000. The donation was handed over at the recently held First Mutual Golf Cocktail in Bulawayo.

Entembeni is a retirement home located in Bulawayo. The home was established in 1967 by a group of men who were heading the Bulawayo City Council. These men formed a trust and bought land from Bulawayo City Council. They had discovered that most people who were destitute were mainly from Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique who had come to Zimbabwe in the 1940s to look for work. Currently the institution is being run by a voluntary Board of Trustees. The home currently comprises 32 Females, 26 Males, 10 permanent staff and 14 volunteers

Over the years, the business CSR focus has spanned across several areas including health, upliftment of the girl child, albinism, cancer patients, old people's homes and disadvantaged children in various provinces of the

In 2021, Nicoz Diamond committed its CSR budget to support Bumhudzo Home in Chitungwiza with a donation of various supplies to cater for the home's domestic needs. This donation resonated with NicozDiamond's passion of helping the underprivileged to live decently through reaching out with provision of appropriate requirements. In addition, the company provided financial support to a number of organisations in their efforts to raise funds for charitable causes. These included the KidzCan fundraiser, in aid of children living with cancer and the Marketers association of Zimbabwe's (MAZ) golf tournament that focused on raising funds to provide blankets to one of the country's prison facilities, and Emerald Hill Children's home to assist in their daily needs.

NicozDiamond is a member of First Mutual Holdings Limited and supports the Group's robust corporate social responsibility programme which continues to impact positively on the future of young Zimbabweans with educational assistance and necessary ancillary services to reintegrate them into formal school as well as support for tertiary education. This is being conducted through the First Mutual Foundation whose objective is to promote and raise the standard of living of the less privileged by availing them the opportunity to attain an education. Additionally, the Group launched a First Mutual Africa University scholarship facility this year for disadvantaged students based on humanitarian need and academic excellence, and is assisting 6 students for a period of 4 years on this programme.