



# ROSE REPORT

## RECYCLING OIL SAVES THE ENVIRONMENT



### 1. ROSE celebrating 25 years of recycling

The ROSE Foundation was founded in 1994 to promote the common interests of the oil industry in preventing the pollution of the environment by lubricants in South Africa. Now 25 years later, the organization is celebrating its success in driving the compliant recycling of used oil and in fostering a sustainable industry that employs a significant number of people. These are some of our proud achievements:

- 1.5 billion litres of used oil recycled in 25 years
- 64 million litres recycled every year
- 155 accredited Collectors
- 22 accredited Bulking Points
- 18 accredited Processors
- 10% of all recycled oil goes back to base oil, creating a closed loop for lubricants manufactured
- Training provided to Collectors
- Environmental audits of Bulking Points and Processors

## 2. ROSE Board

### The ROSE Foundation welcomes:

Annaleen Majid, Manager, Technical Advisory, Engen Sales + Marketing Division, as a new Board member.

### The ROSE Board now comprises:

- Fabian Magerman (Astron Energy) - Chairman
- Samson Mkwanazi (Sasol) – Vice Chair
- Nerusha Govender (Total South Africa) – Director
- Twanet Boshoff-Van Vuuren (BP Castrol) - Director
- Margaret Stephens (Fuchs) – Director
- Annaleen Majid (Engen) – Director
- Peter Yang (Shell) – Director

## 3. Water week



**USED OIL CAN  
POLLUTE YOUR  
DRINKING  
WATER**

**RECYCLE USED OIL RESPONSIBLY**

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Awareness about waste is a growing concern, and one of the aims of the ROSE Foundation is to educate the public about how used oil can pollute the environment, and to prevent this through responsible recycling.

In March, the ROSE Foundation participated in the National Water Week campaign, to raise awareness about the threat of irresponsibly discarded used oil to our water sources.

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The water infrastructure in many South African towns and cities is already challenged, and pollution of rivers is a massive problem as sewage and other contaminants seep into ground and litter is washed into rivers from surrounding areas.

In a series of media articles, ROSE explained how used oil contains harmful compounds and carcinogens that can easily contaminate the environment, especially if thrown down drains, into landfills or onto the ground, where it can leach into the water table.

The ROSE Foundation called on the generators of used oil to ensure that their used oil was recycled in an environmentally compliant manner. Cape Talk and 702 ran a series of educational adverts and interviewed ROSE CEO Bubele Nyiba about used oil recycling.

[Listen to the ad here](#)

[Listen to the interview here](#)

#### 4. Meet the collectors - real eco heroes



#### Meet Moses Mkgosi

Moses Mkgosi is a used oil collector who operates from Soweto, servicing the greater Johannesburg, Tshwane, Mpumalanga and North West regions. After resigning from his job as a call centre leader in Midrand, he started his used oil collection business in 2009



with a single bakkie and lots of passion and enthusiasm to make his entrepreneurial venture a success.

Fast forward ten years and Moses now employs four other staff members in his business Auto Blue Oil & Projects, which collects over 300 000 litres of used oil per year.



Moses tells of how, as a teenager he became aware of the problem of used oil not being disposed of correctly when he accidentally soaked his first pair of All Stars takkies in used oil from a five litre container which was placed under a chair by his friend's father who had left it there after servicing his car three months before. Immediately Moses started pondering how used oil is properly disposed of and says that the challenge was quite huge in Soweto back then.

“Getting the business up and running presented a fair amount of challenges – from accessing start-up funding, to getting a foot into the markets, creating necessary systems and processes, and of course meeting the requirements on an ongoing basis for the necessary compliance within our industry.”

In 2012 Moses was selected to do an internship in the United States through the Young Entrepreneurs Program (YEP) – an initiative that is designed to foster young South African entrepreneurs by mentoring and training them - ultimately promoting the success of their businesses.

Moses travelled to the US where he completed a six-week internship at two top waste management companies that allowed him to learn about the underlying principles and concepts required to ensure business success within this sector. He also studied Entrepreneurial Leadership through the Sierra Nevada College as part of the internship.

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“I am extremely proud that my business is celebrating 10 years of ongoing success in a highly competitive industry. We remain stable and sustainable,” says Moses. “However the safe disposal of used oil as a hazardous waste still remains a challenge in our country and I urge used oil generators to only allow compliant, registered collectors to remove their oil for safe disposal through responsible recycling. Separate your used oils and do not mix them with water or any chemical substances such as thinners and diesel.”

