Subiaco Borehole Project

Convoy of Hope; Blessman International

&

Rotary Club of Polokwane

District 9400, South Africa





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MAIN CONTRIBUTERS AND FUNDERS

- Convoy of Hope (COH): USA
- Rotary Club of Polokwane
- Blessman International
- Contractor: Braam Pretorius (Twin Drilling and Testing)





BACKGROUND

- Subiaco Catholic School is situated some 30 km SSE of Polokwane, Limpopo Province South Africa;
- The school is home to 3 000 male and female learners;
- Responsible persons at the school: Brother JJ and Father Dominique
- Scholars board at the school throughout the week and many return home over weekends;
- Bulk water supply from Ebenezer Dam is erratic and seldom reaches the school;
- The school has a back-up borehole supply which augments bulk supply;
- Pumping infrastructure is in poor condition, poorly maintained and is vulnerable to continual vandalism and theft;
- In addition, no yield and water potability data is available for the borehole.

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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- Initial site visit to school;
- Gather borehole & pumping infrastructure data (pipelines, electricity availability, storage tank capacity) and obtain quotations;
- Submit preliminary cost estimates for approval;
- Remove existing pump and yield test borehole;
- Design new pump based on flow rate and pumping pressures
- Mobilize contractor and construct new infrastructure;
- Cost Reconciliation, Commission & Closure





REGIONAL LOCATION

PROVINCIAL LOCATION











EXISTING PUMP HOUSE



PIPELINE OUTLET





ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS







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THAT WAS THE PAST **NOW THE PRESENT**

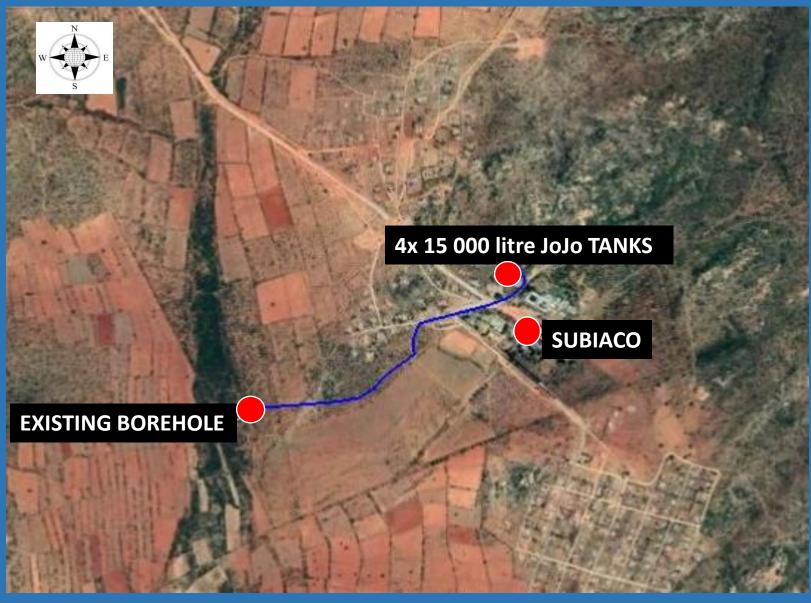
- Borehole Elevation (1 238 m amsl), Tanks (1 321 m amsl)
- Head pressure 9.5 Bar (at the pump) total head pressure;
- Pipeline 1 335 meter HDPE 63 mm dia (recently constructed);
- Pump specs ~ Franklin 380V;
- New electrical switchgear, starters, phase failure & lightening arrestors;
- Pump set at 35 m bgl (Ashirvad 50mm x 3 m), 20 Bar rating;
- New secure precast concrete pumphouse & floor;
- New inlet pipework at tanks







INFRASTRUCTURE LAYOUT



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NEW PRE CAST CONCRETE PUMP HOUSE



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ELECTRICAL SWITCHGEAR AND PUMP PROTECTION



NEW PUMP





NEW INLET
FITTINGS
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TANKS



"Thousands have lived without



not one without



W. H. Auden





