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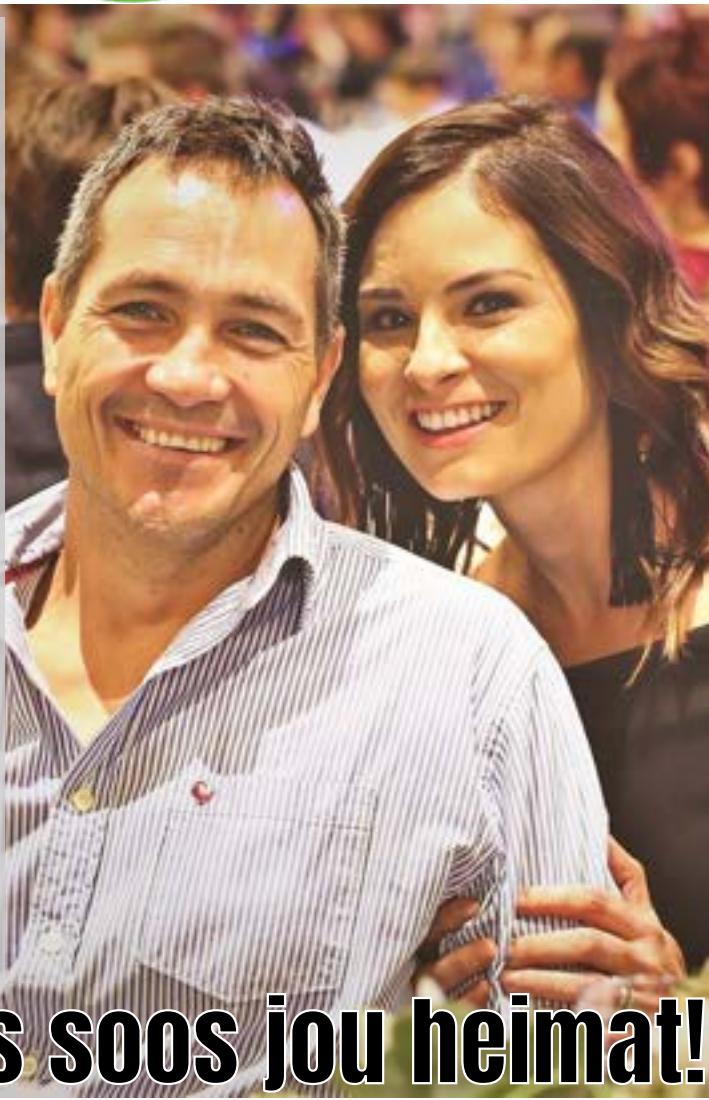
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Met die sepie Egoli se dae lank vergete, het Ebi Halberstadt hom weer in sy geboortedorp Grootfontein gevwestig – die keer saam met sy pragtige vrou Olga en hul dogter Ava.

“Dit is vir ons so lekker hier. Ons voel reeds so deel van die gemeenskap, wat ons met ope arms verwelkom het,” vertel Olga.

Sy sê die besluit om terug te keer na Ebi se wortels het gekom terwyl hulle eintlik gereedgemaak het om na Nederland te emigreer. Ebi sou daar in die hernubare elektrisiteitsbedryf betrokke raak.

“Ons was besig om al die



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Geen huis soos jou heimat!

Glo soos Cha'risse

“Jy sal sien, as 'n mens in 'n situasie kom en sterkwees al is wat jy kán wees, dan is jy sterk.”

Só gesels Charmain van Wyk, die moeder van die 13-jarige Cha'risse wat tans behandeling ontvang vir bloed- en beenmurgkanker. Die Grootfonteinse gesin veg moedig, ten spyte van die steierende mediese onkoste wat hulle moet dra. Op die vraag waaraan hulle tans die grootste behoefte het, antwoord Charmain: “Dit mag dalk snaaks klink, maar as ek eerlik is, het ons tans die grootste behoefte aan klere vir die kinders.”

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papierwerk in orde te kry, maar toe is Ebi se moeder oorlede.

Ons het toe eers hierheen, na die familieplaas gekom. "Sonder dat ons werklik daaroor gepraat het, het ek en Ebi albei tot die besef gekom ons wil eintlik hierheen trek.

"Hoekom nie Grootfontein nie?" het ons mekaar een aand gevra.

Eie onderneming

Die res is geskiedenis en Grootfontein het die Halberstadts met ope arms verwelkom.

Dit was dan juis Ebi wat elke Grootfonteiner (en Nambier) voor die kassie gehad het toe hy die rol van Braam in die destydse M-Net-sepie, Egoli, vertolk het.

"Ek is zero bekend, hy is bekend," lag Olga.

Ebi het ná Egoli net hier en daar weer 'n klein rolletjie vertolk, maar hy het toe meestal begin werk as 'n elektrisién – waarvoor hy opgelei is. Hy het mettertyd ook oorsee as elektrisién werk gedoen en 'n rykdom van ervaring opgebou.

Dit was toe wat ek en Ava lank alleen in Pretoria was. Op Grootfontein is ons nou

almal bymekaar en is ons nou 'n gesin," sê Olga oor hul besluit om Grootfontein toe te kom.

Intussen het Ebi se eie elektrisién-onderneming begin en stel die Halberstadts ook daarin belang om dalk te boer.

Ontmoeting

Maar waar het Olga en Ebi ontmoet? "Ons het ontmoet by gemeenskaplike vriende, by wie hy gehuur het. Vir die eerste jaar het hy my ignoreer en verby my geloop sonder om te groet.

Ek het hom eenkeer daaroor uitgevra en hy het toe later erken dit is eintlik omdat hy so veel van my gehou het toe hy my die eerste keer gesien het, dat hy te skaam was om met my te praat.

Olga was ook die eerste meisie wie hy eindelik saamgebring het Namibië toe, huis toe. "Ek het na daardie eerste vakansie vir hom gesê hy moet my net nooit vra om in Namibië te kom woon nie," lag sy.

Sy sê sy het ook besef dat sy sal moet leer Duits praat, want niemand hier gaan net ter wille van haar Afrikaans praat nie. Sy het dus in haar motor op pad werk toe na

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"Pappa het nou die dag met sussie geraas oor haar broek te kort is, maar toe sê ek die kind het nie meer klere wat pas nie," het 'n emosionele Charmain gesê.

Sy sê die groottes wat haar kinders dra is medium-grootte mans- of seunsklere, en dan 'n nommer 30 of 32 meisie- of vroue-klere asook nommer 40 meisie- of vroueklere.

Marathon

"Ons sal ook hier deurkom. My man Roelof het my nou die dag daaraan herinner dat hierdie nie 'n 'sprint' is nie, maar 'n marathon," sê die moedige Charmain.

Op die vraag hoe dit met haar gaan, sê haar ma Charmain die 13-jarige Cha'rissie kla nie en haar dogter is positief en geestelik baie sterk. "Sy glo Jesus het haar reeds gesond gemaak," sê Charmain.

"Ons moet die 30ste Oktober weer in Windhoek wees, dan sal 'n beenmurgtoets gedoen word."

Sy verduidelik met so 'n toets word vasgestel of die kankertelling daal en of die behandeling werk. "Tans kry sy 'n chemo-spuut asook 'n chemo-pil. Toe sy 3 jaar oud was, het sy ook bloedkanker gehad waarvoortsy chemo ontvang het.

"Elke mens kan net 'n sekere hoeveelheid 'sterk chemo' in hul leeftyd kry en Cha'rissie se

kwota is reeds vol," sê Charmain.

Sy sê ná elke 28 dae se behandeling word 'n beenmurgtoets gedoen om vas te stel of daar voortgegaan moet word met die behandeling en of Cha'rissie in remissie is. Selfs in remissie moet sy weer 'n ander tipe spuit en pil kry om die kankertelling af te hou.

Die hoop is dat Cha'rissie eindelik 'n beenmurg-skenking sal kan kry. "Die risiko is groot.

Dit kan slegs in die Kaap gedoen word. Sy sal in isolasie geplaas moet word omdat sy dan nie met enige kieme of virusse in aanraking sal mag kom nie, want dit kan fataal wees.

"As 'n mens soek na 'n beenmurgskenger, is daar ook dikwels groot koste aan verbonde. Die hoop is dat haar broer of suster gepaste skenkers sal wees. Sou 'n gepaste skenger gevind word, sal die beenmурgoorplanting in die Kaap rondom N\$5 miljoen kos," vertel Charmain.

Groot onkoste

As ouers is hierdie glad nie 'n maklike pad vir die Van Wyks nie. "Dit is baie moeilik, 'n mens kan net doen wat jy kan.

Dit is jou kind," sê Charmain.

"Die ergste was toe sy die eerste keer in die hospitaal opgeneem is om met die chemo te begin.

Sy moes 'n operasie ondergaan om die chemo-poort te kry en het toe boonop longinfeksie



Achter van links is pappa Roelof, Cha'rissie en mamma Charmain. Voor is haar broer Jean'ru en suster Rozanne.

**Cha'rissie maak hierdie sleutelhouers self en verkoop dit om geld in te samel vir haar mediese onkoste.
Kontak Charmain 081 375 8142 om hiervan te bestel.
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opedoen. Daardie eerste twee tot drie weke in die hospitaal was erg."

Charmain sê die geldelike druk is kwaai. "Ek dink my verlofdae is nou opgebruik – ek sal seker een van die dae moet bedank. Ons is vyf in die huis, saam met oupa. Tans is my man die enigste een wat finansieel kan voorsien.

"Die geldelike druk is erg, nie net as dit by die chemo kom nie, maar ook in die huis. Die medikasie alleen kos ons N\$40 000 per maand. Dit sluit die heen-en-weer ry Windhoek toe uit."

Charmain sê haar dogter moet

elke Maandag laat bloed trek. Sy het reeds onderhandel om dit in Grootfontein te doen – wat baie koste bespaar.

Cha'rissie se bloed moet drie tot vier keer 'n maand getrek word – iets wat die Van Wyk's uit hul sak moet betaal, want hulle het nie mediese dekking nie.

Cha'rissie kan bygestaan word deur betalings in die volgende bankrekening te doen:

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Vasbyt, van Otjiwarongo tot die see

Tydens Otjiwarongo se 4x4 Vasbyt-geleenthed op 16 September is die drywer Daniel van Rhyn en sy mede-bestuurder Danielle van Rhyn, 'n pa en dogter, as die algehele wenners aangewys. In die tweede plek was die drywer JR la Cock en sy mede-drywer Enrique van Zyl. Die derde plek is opgeraap deur die drywer Francois du Plessis en sy mede-drywer en dogter, Lee-Ann du Plessis.

In foto's:



Die wat Otjiwarongo se 4x4 Vasbyt misgeloop het, moet 30 Desember op Walvisbaai oophou.

Vasbyt-entoesiaste wat die onlangse 4x4 Vasbyt-geleenthed op Otjiwarongo misgeloop het, kan op 30 Desember na die groot Vasbyt-geleenthed op Walvisbaai gaan kyk.

Só gesels Bianca Oosthuysen, hooforganiseerde van 4 x 4 Vasbyt Namibië.

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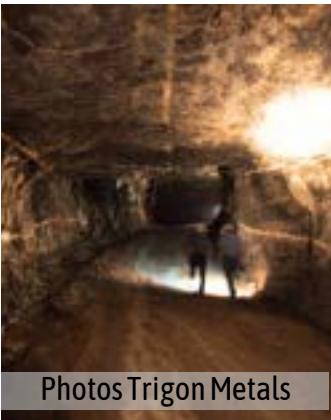
Trigon Metals Inc. has reached the significant milestone of commercial production on 11 October 2023 at its Kombat Mine in Namibia.

Commercial production status is defined as operating at 70% of production capacity over a period of 30 consecutive days.

The mill started producing concentrate on 3 August of this year, after the proceeding to operate for its first full day of production on August 21, 2023 and ramped up quickly to commercial levels. Over the past 30 days, the mill has operated at 77.8% of capacity with average recoveries of 86% Cu, producing 650 tonnes of concentrate and Trigon's concentrate product is being

shipped to port daily. Namibian investor and local partner Knowledge Katti, expressed his congratulations, saying: "The Kombat mine is a very important project for Namibia, especially the children from the Kombat community."

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The mill started producing concentrate on 3 August

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PyroNam Namibia unveiled its first biochar plant at Otjiwarongo

A company converting bush biomass into biochar, whereafter the biochar is given back to farmers to work into their soil, is earning “green money” while bettering Namibian soils and fighting bush encroachment at the same time.



Green credits for bush

A company converting bush biomass into biochar, whereafter the biochar is given back to farmers to work into their soil, is earning “green money” while bettering Namibian soils and fighting bush encroachment at the same time.

On 16 and 17 September PyroNam Namibia unveiled its first biochar plant during two exclusive open days for farmers at farm Walters-hagen, near Otjiwarongo. Callie Steenkamp, the plant’s project manager, explained that more plants are being developed to be launched soon.

He said that carbon credits are earned by these plants once the carbon is bound back into the soil, whilst using biochar as a soil amendment and carbon removal agent. These carbon credits or certi-

ficates are then bought by big companies’ overseas, like for example Lufthansa, who are required to fulfill their responsibilities towards the environment.

PyroNam takes a novel approach to produce biochar by converting invader bush from local farmers into this carbon-rich, porous material using low-tech pyrolysis machines. At the same time farmers can also earn an income by delivering bush to the plant or when by-products, such as tar, are produced and sold.

Steenkamp explained that a single plant needs about 10 000 ha with biomass to “live from” on a sustainable basis – land which is rented from farmers – whilst more than one farmer can deliver to the plant.

A plant can produce about

1 000 ton biochar per year and will need about 3 000 ton dry bush biomass. Each plant operates 24/7, in three shifts for 330 days per year, employing 16 workers. Every plant removes about 2 500 ton carbon dioxide from the air yearly.

PyroNam Namibia stands proudly as the first biochar producer in Africa to obtain certification from The European Biochar Certificate (EBC) board and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). These plants also produces almost zero waste and by-products. The gasses and smoke are collected to produce tar and wood vinegar, for example.

PyroNam hopes to establish 1 000 plants over the next 11 years, creating about 16 000 job opportunities. Up to 50% of Namibia’s total CO₂ emis-

sions can be neutralized in this way. This will enable Namibia to become the world’s leading carbon-negative nation.

When integrated into the soil, biochar enhances fertility and overall health, leading to improved water retention, increased nutrient absorption, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

PyroNam is the Namibian subsidiary of the German PyroCCS GmbH, founded by Carlos Arrufat and Timo Herbrand to promote biochar as a global strategy.



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