

# Tempe upgraded

## *Refurbishment programme to create jobs for hundreds*

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Work on the R260 million refurbishment programme at the Tempe Military Base has already commenced and will be concluded by 2020.

The refurbishment of existing facilities at several military bases across the country is done by the Department of Defence in conjunction with the Independent Development Trust (IDT).

Work at the 44 Parachute Regiment project site started on 29 September last year and will run for 36 months. Work at 1 SA Infantry Battalion commenced on 1 August and if all goes well, will be completed in October 2020.

Yvonne Mbane, CEO of the IDT, says she is very proud that the IDT obtained this contract from the Department. "It is a testament to our ability to deliver on social infrastructure for the state on time, within scope and quality."

The scope of the project includes the demolition of facilities, construction, painting, erecting of ceilings and floors, plumbing and electrical work as well as paving and replacing of existing concrete fences and refurbishing of the sewer and water reticulation system.

The IDT is implementing the work at 1 SA Infantry Battalion for around R145 million and R110 million at 44 Parachute Regiment.

Mbane said at least 230 job opportunities have already been created directly through the two projects at Tempe. A total of 34 women are employed on site and the project is used to train at least 60 youths as part of the Expanded Public Works Programme – National Youth Service.



### Omskep in sprokieswêreld

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