

1) Environmental Award – 2019 Bee Project

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On world Bee day 20 May 2019 Tharisa Minerals management team undertook to do our part in saving bees. The US initiative to protect endangered bee species has become a talking point worldwide. In South Africa, bees have not yet been afforded similar protection.

Tharisa Minerals engaged with numerous registered beekeepers, the Southern beekeeping association (SBA) and the South African Bee Industry Organization (SABIO) to find a company to best suit their bee saving needs.

After consolation from, and in collaboration with Mr. Kai Hichert (owner of Simple Honey) Tharisa Minerals is launching their bee saving project in July 2019.

The project entails removing bee control and removal from the pest control scope and creating something much more sustainable for the bees and the surrounding communities.

1. Numerous bee catchment boxes (coated) baited in raw honey, beeswax and propolis will be installed on the perimeter of Tharisa Minerals property in an effort to lure swarming bees and prevent them from coming into contact with big mobile machinery and allergic employees.
2. Bees will no longer be removed by Pest control contractors, instead Tharisa Minerals will be training and kitting their emergency response team to responsibly catch bees and remove them.

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3. Once catchment boxes are filled with swarming bees, the catchment boxes will be carefully relocated by the emergency response team to the second phase of our project, the community bee farming area.
4. Tharisa Minerals envisions to establish a responsible and environmentally-conscious bee farm in our neighboring community (Madiklokwa) in collaboration with Mr. Kai Hichert and our SLP department. A portion of land will be provided to the community for the purpose of bee farming housing 20 bee keeping boxes and growing the project annually.
5. Tharisa Minerals strives to conduct bee farming in the most responsible and environmentally conscious manner possible whilst following the latest methods of sustainable beekeeping.
6. Once the community bee farming project is established and registered the community will be able to responsibly harvest and sell raw honey, beeswax and propolis as well as offer pollination services to the surrounding farmers.