

AFU SEIZES R52M FROM ILLICIT MINING

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The Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU) and Namibian authorities have seized R52.5m linked to illegal coal mining operations in Mpumalanga.

The money was held in eight bank accounts in the neighbouring Namibia. The accounts belong to businessman Jacobus Hosea Jordaan and his wife Elza Jordaan. The seizure was in collaboration with the South African Financial Intelligence Centre (SA-FIC), the Namibian Financial Intelligence Centre (Nam-FIC) and the Namibian Prosecutor-General (Nam PG) office.

Mpumalanga NPA spokesperson Monica Nyuswa said the money is allegedly linked to intentions to commit or proceeds from “massive alleged illegal coal mining” in the province’s Carolina area. She said SA-FIC obtained a Namibian FIC temporary freeze on the funds of the couple on December 2.

On December 30, the Nam PG’s office



Illegal mining activities, coupled with money laundering in South Africa, are a huge concern for the government, / Katherine Muick-Mere/ Gallo Images

managed to obtain a Preservation of Property order in Namibian high court in Windhoek in respect of R50,205,872.

Nyuswa said this was on the basis that the money represents the proceeds of, and/or was used as instrumentalities, to

commit massive illegal coal mining and other offences, including money laundering in the Carolina area.

Nyuswa added that last week, a second preservation of property order was granted to the value of R2,285,500 in the Namibian high court “in respect of two further Namibian bank accounts in the name of Reinet Binneman”, the sister of Elza Jordaan. “Jacobus Jordaan, owner of GNJ Mining, and his wife Elza Jordaan, are among the main accused in the Carolina illegal coal mining case that was transferred to Mbombela high court on December 6 2024 to November 2025 for trial.

“The illegal financial benefit obtained by the accused from the illegal coal mining and other offences in Mpumalanga allegedly amounts to at least R2bn,” Nyuswa explained.

Their arrest follows the raid on a farm in Carolina in 2023 in which 270 tons of illicit coal valued at R264m were seized together with heavy-duty mining machinery, equipment and motor vehicles (heavy-duty trucks, etc), as well as the washing plant machinery was valued at almost R2bn was confiscated.

Nyuswa said: “Illegal mining activities, coupled with money laundering in SA, are a huge concern for the government, as also pronounced by the president who last year deployed the SANDF to assist the SAPS in eradicating illegal mining.

“The NPA is committed to assisting the SAPS, the South African government, and governments of foreign jurisdictions to eradicate this scourge of illegal mining and money laundering activities.”

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300 days of no load shedding

By KOENA MASHALE

Yesterday Eskom celebrated 300 days without load shedding, a feat it attributed to delivering energy security and inclusive socioeconomic growth.

Its group executives said this milestone was the result of the generation recovery plan implemented in March 2023.

Group executive for generation Bheki Nxumalo credited the 40,000 employees committed to serving the country. “Our sights are now firmly focused on delivering one year without load shedding at midnight on March 26 2025,” he said.

“These 300 days without load shedding have been characterised by a significant reduction in unplanned outages, which have long been one of the biggest challenges, a notable improvement in the energy availability factor of about 7%, and savings in diesel expenditure of R16.42bn.”

Group CEO Dan Marokane said the ongoing delivery of the action plan boosted business confidence with credit rating agencies. “This has boosted business confidence, with banks stating Eskom’s performance recovery was a key contributor towards positive sentiments as far as South Africa’s GDP growth prospects of up to 2% are concerned.”