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Gaborone sewerage system upgrade

Halfway through ACE GIBB's upgrade of Gaborone's sewerage system, indications are that the project is headed for success.

THE REFURBISHMENTS to the systems are set to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Botswana citizens.

"The R1 billion project involves the decommissioning of certain pump stations, refurbishment and construction of other pump stations and construction of trunk and main

sewers in Gaborone to provide capacity up to the planning horizon of 2030. Furthermore, we are tasked with the sewerage of some 6 000 remaining self-help housing area (SHHA) plots, which currently run on septic tanks," explains project manager, Vernon Joubert.

Gaborone's sewerage systems have been strained for some time. As can be expected,



Large-diameter concrete pipes waiting to be installed

human activity, industrial waste, agricultural run-off, municipal dumping and oil spills all negatively affect water supplies. Owing to rapid growth in the capital, the capacity of its existing bulk sewerage infrastructure will soon be exceeded. Furthermore, pollution has also become a problem in the SHHA communities in Broadhurst. **35**

