

# Rhodesfield station nearly done

**T**HE R125-million rail commuter station in Rhodesfield will be finished by May 21, a year after construction started.

The station is currently under construction on the existing Johannesburg/Pretoria Metrorail route between Isando and Kempton Park stations and provides a direct link to the new Gautrain station for rail commuter transfer purposes.

This station will allow commuters to transfer from one train system to the other.

"The station facility will serve the increased rail commuter demand for the rapidly developing Rhodesfield suburb, which is currently being redeveloped to support the growing airport," Mr Randall September, GIBB marketing practitioner, said.

The station consists of an aerial concourse over the two new island platforms with the eastern station entrance connecting to the Gautrain station precinct and the western station entrance connecting to a dedicated inter-modal facility.

"This project is considered the future for transportation in Ekurhuleni, as it is the first ever tri-modal transportation hub, joining Metrorail with the Gautrain Rapid Rail and associated Gautrain feeder bus system, as well as other public transport modes such as buses and taxi services," September said.

Mr Wimpie Oosthuizen, the project leader, said time to complete the design and construction of the station was a major challenge.

The PRASA (Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa) and Gautrain station precincts will be integrated to ensure seamless pedes-

trian transfer between the stations. Both the eastern and western precincts of the PRASA station will also have on-site private vehicle parking areas.

PRASA appointed GIBB, one of Africa's largest multi-disciplinary engineering and science companies, to undertake the design, project management and construction supervision of the station.

GIBB's responsibilities included the design of the rail infrastructure, including track, signalling and overhead electrification, as well as the structural, electrical, mechanical and all civil works of the station.



JOE van Dijk, a GIBB associate, and Randall September, GIBB marketing practitioner, in front of the Gautrain electronic ticket centre at the nearly completed Rhodesfield station.

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