

Sonae Novoboard Sponsors e-Learning Project

Sonae Novoboard is the main sponsor of the e-Learning project at Ligbron Academy of Technology, that was established and implemented by Mr. Frans Kalp, a teacher at Ligbron.

Sonae Novoboard started a CSI program, whereby they budgeted an amount of R6 mil. for the development of Education, Environmental issues, and Health and Welfare. They were busy building laboratories at two schools in the Lowveld, to ensure the development of Science in education, when they heard about the e-learning project of Mr. Kalp at Ligbron. They immediately took the idea to the CSI committee and it was approved. "This sponsorship was different from others, in the sense that they supported the school in this project, even before the project had been proofed to be successful." Mr. Van Rensburg, the Principal at Ligbron said, while thanking the management from Sonae Novoboard for the sponsorship.

The donation of R270 000 in the startup phase of this project, enabled Ligbron to roll out the e-learning project to three schools in the area: Camden Combined School, Umzimvelo Agricultural School and Ermelo Combined School. This project enables the teachers from Ligbron to link up with the classrooms at the other school. One lesson is then sent to all the different school, with interactive participation from all the schools at the same time. Four schools in Wesselton will be linked to the e-learning system during this year, making it a total of eight schools who will be receiving and participating in one lesson at the same time. The main focus of this project is to develop the standard of Maths and Science in this area.

At the handing over of the e-learning project sponsorship at Camden Combined School and there after at Ligbron on Friday, 27 February, Mr. van Rensburg, the Principal at Ligbron and Mr. van Greunen, the

Chairman of the Governing Body at Ligbron, highlighted their appreciation towards Sonae Novoboard for their confidence and support in this project. AS



Sonae Novoboard, the main sponsor of the e-learning project at Ligbron Academy of Technology, handed over their sponsorship on Friday, 27 February. Showing their appreciation (f.l.t.r.): Dup van Rensburg (Ligbron), Bernice Swart (Sonae Novoboard), Johan Fourie (Sonae Novoboard), Sello Ketsisi (Sonae Novoboard), Andrew Marthinusen (Sonae Novoboard), Coenie van Greunen (Ligbron) and Frans Kalp (Ligbron).

E-learning project boosted

The e-learning project launched by Ligbron Academy of Technology and the Department of Education in June last year is expanding rapidly.

Pupils from Umzimvelo Agricultural School, Camden Combined School and Ermelo Combined School are also benefiting from the project.

Teachers and pupils interact through live transmissions by making use of a touch-screen whiteboard.

The project received a boost of R270 000 from Sonae Novobord, a company that prides itself on its involvement in education and environmental development.

"We are proud to be part of this project. We are investing in the future of our country by contributing to the education of our children. There is a huge lack of skilled people in our country to run our economy and fill the gaps in the professional world. You should use your opportunities and make the sky your limit," was the message of Mr Andrew Marthinussen from Sonae Novobord to the pupils of Camden Combined.

Three classrooms, newly equipped for the



Mr Sipho Sihlali, Mr Andrew Marthinussen, Mr Johan Fourie, Mr Sello Ketsisi and Ms Bernice Swart from Sonae Novobord with Mr Mfanwenkosi Mafaza from the Department of Education and Mr Frans Kalp from Ligbron after the official handing over of the three newly equipped classrooms at the school.

e-project, were officially handed over to the school principal, Mr Sipho Sihlali, last Friday.

In the past only Grade 12 pupils benefited from the e-technology, but the project has now been rolled out to the Grade 10 and

11 pupils as well.

Mr Marthinussen thanked Mr Frans Kalp, co-ordinator of the e-learning project, for his involvement and assured him that Sonae Novobord would remain financial partners in this project.