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TANNERY FACTORY PROJECT

The African National Congress of South Africa has a number of members in Botswana who are unemployed and live solely on humanitarian assistance, and are in need of Vocational Training. It has been the policy of our Movement to encourage among our people the spirit of self-support and self-reliance. Not only that, but we also have a programme for Vocational Training through which we envisage the training of a number of South African refugees presently residing in Botswana.

We have recently completed a feasibility study on a Tannery Factory to be situated in Mochudi, near Gaborone in Botswana.

Our investigation was based on an existing tannery owned on behalf of our Organisation by a member of our Organisation. This factory presently employs three female hands who are trained to tan various raw skins.

It is our wish to expand this existing tannery, thus creating job - and - training opportunities for South African Refugees in Botswana.

The process of production at the moment is very slow and cannot meet the present high demands for tanned skin.

In the feasibility study of this small existing tannery, the aim being to gauge the needs, as well as determining what capital would be required to place the factory on a sound footing, we were satisfied that the factory has a promising future; and with funds being available the factory could meet the demands for the training of our people and also as a source of income for our Movement.

The proprietor is in possession of a trading licence. The factory operates under the name and style of MPHEPHO TANNERY. A plot of land has been given on which to erect a new building with possibilities of further expansion, which, in addition, will include chemical Laboratory for research and tests.

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The following figures show the amounts required to expand the existing project:-

REQUIREMENTS

1. Erection of a new building	1200 - 00	1500
2. Machinery required	1000 - 00	1250
1 Splitting Machine		
2 Emery Wheels		
1 Measuring Machine		
1 Press		
1 Roller		
1 Embossing Machine		
1 Glazing Machine		
1 Shaving Machine		
Installation of Plant to Supply Electricity and Water		
3.4 Tanning Drums at R750 - 00 each	3000 - 00	3750
4. 1x5 Ton Motor Vehicle	3500 - 00	4375
5. Initial purchase of untanned Skins	3400 - 00	4250

6. LABOUR - APPRENTICES

Apprentices would be about 30 at a living allowance of

R25 - 00 per month per apprentice for one year - 9000 - 00 1125
3125

These figures do not take into account overhead expenses which, in our opinion, should be covered by the sales of the initial year of trade.

Total: R40,900 - 00 5125

We may mention that a similar request was made to the International University Exchange Fund. Their reaction is still awaited.