

Sakhisizwe Bush Control



“I am grateful for all the training and mentorship. I’m not alone in business ... I feel supported” – Dumisani Ntombela

Dumisani Ntombela has been in forestry for 24 years. He learned his trade as a Mondi forester, working in various positions in silviculture and harvesting. This experience gave him the skills and confidence to manage his own contracting business, Sakhisizwe Bush Control.

Dumisani says the shift from forester to business owner was huge. He remembers how things were when they started out.

“We had no office, no vehicle and no equipment ... we had to establish the business and build trust.”

Then Sakhisizwe Bush Control secured a silviculture contract with Mondi in the Ntonjaneni area. This provided a platform to really launch the business, with a team of 40 employees.

Another breakthrough came in 2016 when Sakhisizwe Bush Control landed a big job doing alien weed control, funded by the Department of Environment Affairs (DEA) and facilitated by Mondi Zimele. It has created a further 71 jobs.

Today Sakhisizwe Bush Control employs 160 people. Dumisani estimates that these jobs benefit around 1 600 people.



Contractor development

Dumisani attended a contractor development programme presented by the Mondi Forestry Partners Programme and the DTI, and his team was trained in chemical weed control.

He also participated in a benchmarking visit to Brazil (sponsored by the Mondi Forestry Partners Programme and DTI) to see world-class forestry practice in action.



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