



VAAL UNIVERSITY
OF TECHNOLOGY

ENGINEERING &
TECHNOLOGY

09 APRIL 2025
**AUTUMN
GRADUATIONS 2025**

MOKETE WA DIKAPESO TSA BAITHUTI
WA SEHLA SA LEHWETLA - 2025
DIKAPEŠO TŠA BAITHUTI TŠA
SEHLA SA LEHLABULA 2025



**VAAL UNIVERSITY
OF TECHNOLOGY**



TO THE CLASS OF 2025

Esteemed Graduates, Distinguished Guests, Faculty Members, Families, and Friends

Today, we gather to honour the exceptional achievements of the Class of 2025 at the Autumn Graduation Ceremonies. This milestone is not merely a testament to your academic dedication but a clarion call to action: a summons to apply your knowledge.

South Africa stands at a pivotal moment, grappling with significant socio-economic issues. As of the fourth quarter of 2024, the official unemployment rate remains alarmingly high at 31.9%, with youth unemployment (those aged 15 to 24) soaring to 44.6%. These statistics are not just numbers; they represent the lived realities of millions and underscore the urgent need for innovative solutions.

Your education at Vaal University of Technology (VUT) has equipped you with the tools to be catalysts for change. The knowledge and experiences you've gained here empower you to drive innovation, create employment opportunities, and contribute meaningfully to society. As you step into the world beyond these halls, remember that your actions have the potential to transform communities and uplift those around you.

Reflecting on the wisdom of former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan: "Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family." Your education is not an end but a beginning, a foundation upon which to build solutions that address inequality, infrastructure deficits, and joblessness.



As you embark on this journey, I urge you to:

- **Innovate with Purpose:** Seek out and develop solutions that are sustainable and inclusive, addressing the root causes of our societal challenges.
- **Engage in Lifelong Learning:** The landscape of knowledge is ever evolving. Stay curious and committed to expanding your horizons.
- **Uphold Integrity and Compassion:** Let ethical considerations and empathy guide your decisions and interactions.

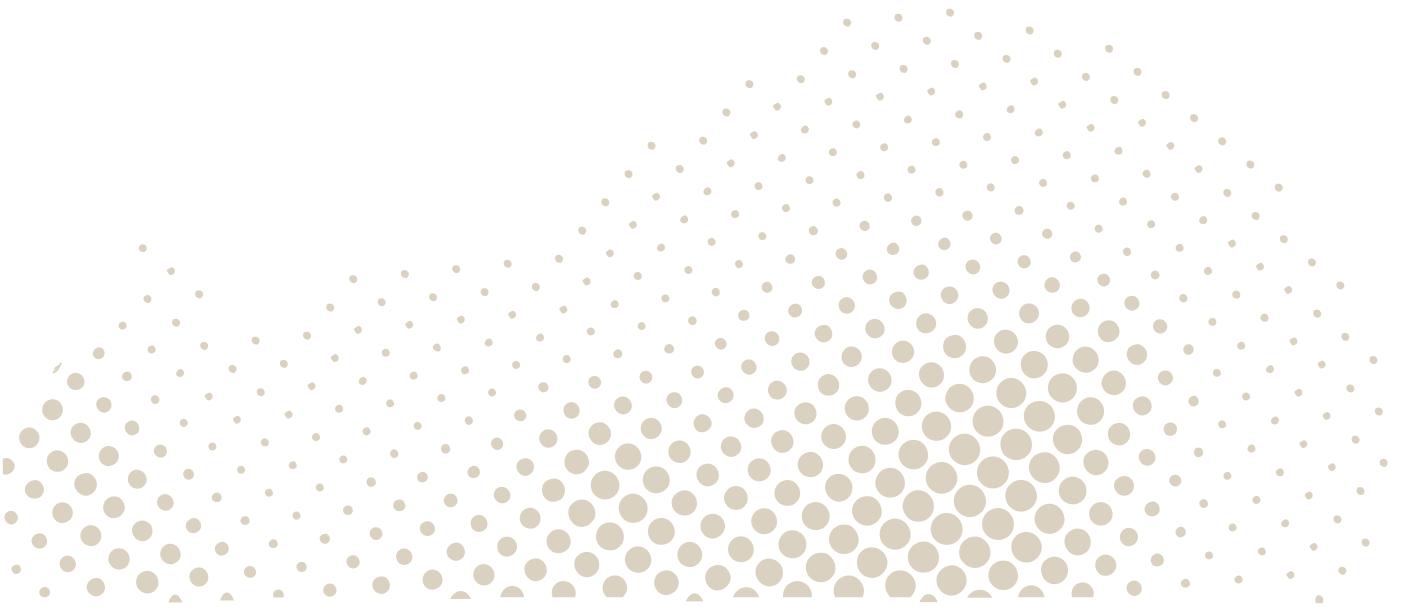
Take a moment to express gratitude to those who have supported you: your lecturers, mentors, families, and friends. Their unwavering belief in your potential has been instrumental in your journey.

As you move forward, know that the VUT community stands with you, confident in your ability to lead and inspire. The challenges are great, but so is your potential to effect meaningful change.

Congratulations, Class of 2025. The future awaits your unique contributions.

I thank you!

Prof Stephen Khehla Ndlovu
Vice-Chancellor and Principal





SESOTHO



Molaetsa wa Motlatso-Motjhanselara ho Sehlopha sa 2025

Maaparakobo ya thuto ba Hlomphehang, Baeti ba Hlomphehang, Ditho tsa Lefapha la Thuto, Maloko le Metswalle

Kajeno, re bokana ho tlota dikatleho tse ikgethang tsa Sehlopha sa 2025 Meketeng ya Dikapeso ya Sehla sa Lehwetla. Ketsahalo ena ha se bopaki feela ba boinehelo ba hao ba thuto empa ke pitso e hlakileng ya ho nka kgato: piletso ya ho sebedisa tsebo ya hao.

Aforika Borwa e eme nakong ya bohlokwa, e tobane le mathata a bohlokwa a moruo wa kahisano. Ho tloha kotareng ya bone ya 2024, sekghala sa semmuso sa tlhokeho ya mesebetsi se ntse se le hodimo ka mokgwa o tshosang ho 31.9%, ha tlhokeho ya mesebetsi ya batjha (ba dilemo di 15 ho isa ho tse 24) e nyolohela ho 44.6%. Dipalopalo tsena ha se dipalo feela; di emela dinnette tse phelang tsa batho ba dimilione mme di totobatsa tlhokeho e potlakileng ya ditharollo tse ntjha.

Thuto ya hao Yunivesithing ya Theknoloji ya Lekwa (VUT) e o file disebediswa tsa ho ba batsebahatsi ba phetoho. Tsebo le diphihlelo tseo o di fumaneng mona di a o matlafatsa ho tsebahatsa mekgwa e metjha, ho theha menyeta ya mesebetsi le ho kenya letsoho ka mokgwa o bona-halang setjhabeng. Ha o ntse o kena lefatsheng ntle le diholo tsena, hopola hore diketso tsa hao di na le monetla wa ho fetola setjhaba le ho phahamisa ba o potapotileng.

Ha re nahana ka bohlale ba Mongodi Kakaretso wa mehleng wa Matjhaba a Kopaneng, Kofi Annan: "Tsebo ke matla. Boitsebiso bo a lokolla. Thuto ke motheo wa tswelapele, setjhabeng se seng le se seng, lelapeng le leng le le leng." Thuto ya hao ha se qetello empa ke qalo, motheo oo ho wona ho ka ahwang ditharollo tse sebetsanang le ho se lekane, dikgaello tsa meralo ya motheo le ho hloka mosebetsi.

Ha u kena leetong lena, ke u khotlhalletsa ho:

- **Hlahisa ka Sepheo:** Batla le ho hlahisa ditharollo tse nako e telele le tse kenyeltsang dintho tse ngata, tse sebetsanang le disosa tsa mathata a rona setjhabeng.
- **Ho Kena Thutong ya Bophelo Bohle:** Boemo ba tsebo bo dula bo fetoha. Dula o labalabela ho tseba mme o ikemiseditse ho hodisa pono ya hao.
- **Boloka Serithi le Kutlwelobohloko:** E re menahano ya boitshwaro le kutlwelobohloko di tataise diqeto le tshebetso ya hao.

Nka nako ho leboha ba o tshehedseng: barupedi ba hao, baeletsi, ba leloko le metswalle. Tumelo ya bona e sa thekeseleng bokgoning ba hao e thusitse leetong la hao.

Ha o ntse o tswelapele, tseba hore setjhaba sa VUT se eme le wena, se na le tshepo ka bokgoni ba hao ba ho etella pele le ho kgothatsa. Diphephetsa di kgolo, empa le bokgoni ba hao ba ho tlisa phetoho e bonahalang bo jwalo feela.

Ke a leboha, Sehlopha sa 2025. Bokamoso bo emetse kabelo ya lona e ikgethang.

Ke a leboha!

Moporofesa Stephen Khehla Ndlovu

Motlatso-Motjhanselara le Mosuwehlooho



SEPEDI



Molaetša wa Motlatša-Mokhanselara go baithuti ba ngwaga wa 2025

Dialoga tše di Hlomphengago, Baeti ba ba kgethegilego, Maloko a Difakhalthi, Malapa le Bagwera.

Lehono, re kgobokane moletlong wa dikapešo tša lehlabula go hlompha dikatlego tše di kgahlišago tša baithuti ba ngwaga wa 2025. Kgato ye ya bohlokwa ga se fela bohlatse bja maitapišo a gago a thuto eupša ke pitšo ye e hlakilego ya go tšea kgato: pitšo ya go diriša tsebo ya gago.

Afrika Borwa e mo nakong ye bohlokwa, mo e mekamekana le ditaba tše bohlokwa tša ekonomi ya leago. Go tloga kotareng ya bone ya 2024, tekanyo ya semmušo ya tlhokego ya mešomo e dula e le godimo ka mo go tšošago go 31.9%, tlhokego ya mešomo ya bafsa (bao ba nago le mengwaga ye 15 go ya go ye 24) e hlatlogile go fihla go 44.6%. Dipalopalo tše ga se dipalo feela; di laetša dilo tša bophelo bja kgonthe tše di phelwago ke dimilione tša batho gomme di gatelela hlokego ka moo go akgofilego ka ditharollo tša boitlhamelo.

Thuto ya gago go Yunibesithi ya Thekenolotši ya Vaal (VUT) e go file mabokgoni a go ba sehloholeletši sa phetogo. Tsebo le maitemogelo ao o a hweditšego mo a go matlafatša go hlohleletša boitlhamelo, go hlola mešomo/le go tšeakarolo ka mo go nago le mohola setšhabeng. Ge o tsena lefaseng ka mošola wa diholo tše, gopolal gore ditiro tša gago di na le bokgoni bja go fotoša ditšhaba le go phagamiša bao ba le go kgauswi le wena.

Ge re naganiša ka bohlale bja Mongwaledipharephare wa peleng wa Kopano ya Ditšhaba Kofi Annan: "Tsebo ke maatla. Tshedimošo e a lokolla. Thuto ke motheo wa tšwelopele setšhabeng se sengwe le se sengwe, ka lapeng le lengwe le le lengwe." Thuto ya gago ga se mafelelo eupša ke mathomo, motheo wo go wona o ka agago ditharollo tša go se lekalekane, go hlaelela ga mananeokgoparara le hlokego ya mošomo.

Ge o thoma leeto le, ke go kgothaletša go:

- **Hlama dilo tše mpsha ka morero:** nyaka le go hlama ditharollo tše di swarelelago le go akaretšago bohle, go rarolla ditlhohlo setšhabeng sa rena.
- **Ikgafele go Ithuta Bophelo ka moka:** Tebego ya tsebo e dula e fetoga. Phela o na le tlhlologelo le boikgafo bja go nyaka go katološa tsebo ya gago.
- **Tshwarelala botshephegi le kwelobohloko:** Go ba le maitshwaro a mabotse le kwelobohloko go hlahle diphetho le dikamano tša gago .

Iphe nako ya go leboga bao ba go thekgilego: bafahloši, baeletši, malapa le bagwera ba gago. Tumelo ya bona ye e sa šišnyegego go bokgoni bja gago e bile bohlokwa leetong la gago.

Ge o tšwela pele, tseba gore setšhaba sa VUT sena le wena, se tshepa bokgoni bja gago bja go etapele le go hlohleletša. Ditlhohlo ke tše kgolo, eupša go bjalo le ka bokgoni bja gago bja go tliša phetogo ye e nago le mohola.

Ke a lebogiša, sehlopha sa 2025. Bokamoso bo letetši go tšeakarolo ga gago go go ikgethilego.

Ke a leboga

Profesa Stephen Khehla Ndlovu
Motlatša-Mokhanselara le Hlogo ya Yunibesithi



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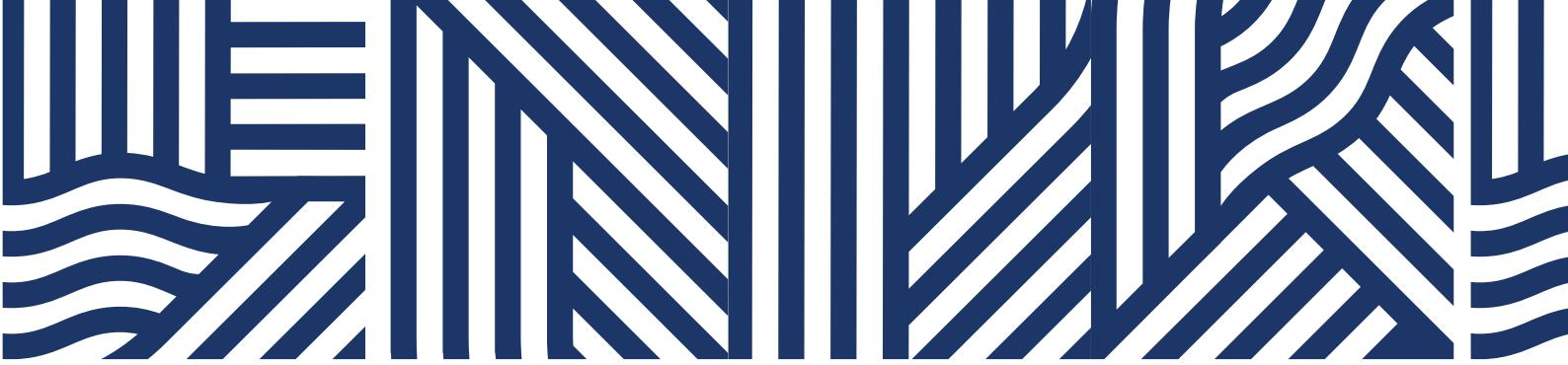
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VAAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

MOKGWA WA TSAMAIISO YA MOSEBETSI | TATELANO YA LENANEO

The Academic Procession enters the Desmond Tutu Great Hall

Mokoloko o kena setsing sa kopanelo Desmond Tutu
Molokoloko wa Dirutegi o tsena ka Holong ya Desmond Tutu

The Vice-Chancellor & Principal Constitutes the Congregation

Motlatso-Motjhanselara le Mosuwehlooho o Bula Mosebetsi Semmuso
Motlatša Mokhatshelara le Hlogo o Bula Kopano Semmušo

NATIONAL ANTHEM

PINA YA SETJHABA | KOŠA YA SETŠHABA

PRAYER AND WELCOME

THAPELO LE KAMOHELO | THAPELO LE KAMOGELO

ADDRESS BY GUEST SPEAKER

PUO KA SEBUI SA LETSATSI | POLELO KA SEBOLEDI SA LETŠATŠI

PRESENTATION OF GRADUANDS

DIKAPESO | DIKAPEŠO

Executive Dean

Dini ya Phethahatso | Diniphethiši

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

TAKALETSO YA MAHLOHONOLO HO BAITHUTI | MOLAETŠA WA DITEBOGIŠO GO BAITHUTI

Vice-Chancellor & Principal

Motlatso-Motjhanselara le Mosuwehlooho | Motlatša Mokhatshelara le Hlogo

Vice-Chancellor & Principal Dissolves the Congregation

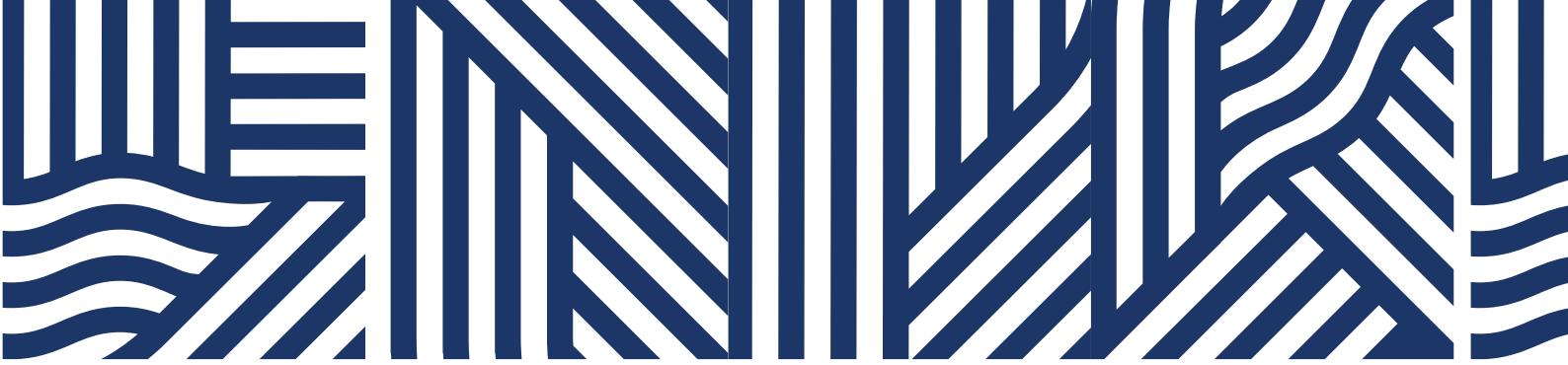
Motlatso-Motjhanselara le Mosuwehlooho o Qhala Kopano | Motlatša Mokhatshelara le Hlogo o Phatlalatša Kopano

The Academic Procession leaves the hall, followed by Guests.

Mokoloko o tswa setsing sa kopanelo, o latelwa ke baeti ba bohlakwa. Molokoloko wa Dirutegi o tswa ka holong, o latelwa ke Baeng

The congregation is requested to rise and remain standing when the academic procession enters and leaves the hall.

Phutheho e koptjwa ho ema ha Mokoloko o tswa setsing sa kopanelo | Batho ba kgopelwa go ema ge molokoloko wa dirutegi o tsena le go tswa ka holong.



NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nkosi sikelel' Afrika

Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,

Yizwa imithandazo yethu,

Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.

Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,

O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,

O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,

Setjhaba sa South Afrika - South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel,

Uit die diepte van ons see,

Oor ons ewige gebergtes,

Waar die kranse antwoord gee,

Sounds the call to come together,

And united we shall stand,

Let us live and strive for freedom,

In South Africa our land.





VAAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ditsebiso | Ditsebišo

In order to maintain the dignity of the ceremony, you are requested to take note of the following:

- The congregation is requested to rise and remain standing when the academic procession enters and leaves the hall.
- Do not move around during the ceremony in order to take photographs.
- Please refrain from unacceptable actions such as whistling.
- Please switch off your cellphone.
- We strive to conduct the ceremonies in a dignified manner, please do not leave the hall before the graduation proceedings have been concluded.
- Qualifications of candidates who are unable to attend the graduation ceremony will be conferred in absentia.





FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

13:00 - 09 APRIL 2025

DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

M+3

CHAKA Jabu
DITSEBE Keoikantse
KINYIMBA Mumba Shekinah
KUTYUNGA Khanyisile
LIKOEBE Nthati
MABODZE Hlavutelo Devine
MAHLAKWANE Manala Kabelo
MALAPANE Bontle Tehillah
MALULEKE Charles
MAMBANE Ingrid Rivoningo
MASHIANE Puleng
MATHABATHA Mahlogonolo Moraswi
MBEDZA Liada
MEREYOTLHE Keaboka
MHLANGA Patrick Sibusiso
MNOMIYA Nqobile

MOGWERA Reamogetse
MOJAKGOLO Otshepeng Bridgette
MOKOENA Sibongiseni Patiance
MOTAUNG Trevor Moeketsi
MOTLOHA Pontseng Amelia
MSIBI Melusi Sibusiso
MTAMBO Rose Nomthandazo
MUHLANGO Nyiko
NDADULENI William
NELUTSHIDWI Mutsinda Rilinde
NKOSI Palesa Nolwazi
RAPHOKO Lebogang Motshisi Mathews
SHOBA Nontethelelo
SIGOGO Zwirezwashu Godfrey
ZITHA Nkhensani claud

DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

M+3

BALOYI Mushe
BALOYI Rixongtelo Nathaniel
BOPAPE Mochabo Leah
BOTH Jean Jacque
CHIPELE Fezile
DHLUDHLU Clementine Dineo
DITSHILWANE Lucas Tshabelo
GASEITSIWE Sedi Tumelo Tshepo
HLUNGWANI Xivutiso Grace
HLUNGWANE Ntwanano
ILUNGA Kawang Murielle
JIVINDHAVA Khanyisa
KHOSA Bradley David
KHOSA Nkateko Victor
KHUTSWANE Kamogelo Violet
KODISANG Karabelo Martha

KWENANE Keamogetswe Adelaide
LEKOPA Loyiso
LEVUNO Rethabile Precious
MABODZE Nhlavutelo Devine
MABUNDA Khanimamba
MABUYE Sifiso Joseph
MACHETHE Dimpho
MADLOPHA Simphiwe Philangenkosi
MAAHLE Paballo
MAHLATSI Tseplo Sylvester
MAKHENE Leeto Prudence
MAKOFANE Khutso
MAKWARELA Rudzani
MAKWATI Phenyo Arthur
MALUMA Frank Maphumula
MAMABOLO Matshela Nelson



DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

M+3

MANOSA Karabo Johannah
MAPAYA Setshekgi
MARINDI Khensani Charmain
MAROBOLA Cincinnatia Karuakae
MAROUNDOU NZICKO Cythia Nahony
MASANGU Tsetse Dorcus
MASHAPU Zenon
MASHIMBYI Ripfumelo
MASINGI Hlawulani
MATELA Diako Elizabeth
MATHOMU Aluwani
MATHONSI Masingita Zanele
MATSHABA Koketso
MATSHEKE Lethabo
MAWEDE Phuti Ronald
MBULI Dudu
MDAKA Musawenkosi Ivin
MDAKANE Mbalenhle
MGIBA Tlharihani
MJOLI Nduduzo Blessing
MKHAVELE Nesta Vutomi
MLAMBO Anele
MOKALAPA Tshegedi Kingsely
MOKGOBI Kgothatso Adolphas
MOKGOLA Lehlogonolo Brian
MOKHITLI Thabang Ernest
MOSOMA Paballo Precise
MOTHIBE Tshepho Danies
MOTLOUNG Yvonne
MOTUBANE Sechaba
MOTUPA Dimpho Thandi
MPAPANE Trusty Simephi
MSIMANGO Vuma Awele Junior
MTHOMBENI Nelly Prudence Nhlanhla
MUGIVHELA Clifford
MULAUDZI Arehone
NDHLOVU Nomalisa

NDLOVU Hlayisani
NDLOVU Mduduza
NDLOVU Samuel Tshepo
NDONGELA Jacob Letlalo
NDOU Gundo
NELUVHALANI Wanga
NEMAUNGANI Kharavho
NETHONONDA Andani
NGOBENI Enelo Nature
NGOBENI Eunela Gift
NGOBENI Ntavasi Millicent
NGOBENI Ntshembho Getrude
NHLENYAMA ZIME Nosibusiso
NKABINDE Siphesihle Samuel
NKHUMANE Kamogelo
NKONYANE Ndumiso David
NKWANYANA Allice Zandile
NYAKOANA Petronela
PEITERSE Renier
PHAKOE Katleho Martin
POWANE Nkaiseng Ronald
QEKI Thabang Paul
RADEBE Bantu
RALIKHUVHANA Meredith Ondwela
RAMOROKA Kgothatso
RAPHALELO Karabo Lucky
RAPHALALANI Muvhumbi Godwin
RAVHUHALI Arehone Gundo
SEBOLA Kgadi Komape
SEFUTHI Sidwell
SETHOJANE Mahlatsi David
SIGAUKE Yollanda Ntsako
SIKUMKANI Mihlali
SILANGWE Asanda Brilliant
SITSHEBO Thabisile
SKOSANA Nthabiseng
TSHABALALA Ayanda





DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

M+3

TSHABALALA Zandile Constance
TSABANGU Siphosihle
TSHILONGO Phophi

TSHIVHINDA Tshifhiwa Natasha
VILAKAZI Anthany Gift
XABA Thabelo

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

M+4

KGANYAGO Archibold Pautu
KGOMO Lehlogonolo Phegello
MALULEKE Mutheo Given
MOHALE Lerato Lucia
MOKGOPI Kgbodi Conrad
MOLOTO Masilo
MOLOTO Mmakoena Mercy

MOTHOBİ Lebo
MULUMBA Mujanji Moise
NGANGAMSHE Siyamthanda
RABAPANE Pelvis
RATSHISUKA Zwivhuya
SHIBAMBU Lucky Mboni
SHILUBANE Nhlanala Adeline

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

M+4

BOROTHO Pulane Evelyn
CATTAERT Timothy Michael
CHIYANGWA Haciel
COKU Karabelo
DIALE John Ofentse
DLAMINI Salebona James
DLATHU Snelizwi
GROBLER Piere Rudolph
HLUBI Modise Micheal
ILUNGA Mwamba
KABENGELE WA Kabengele David
KALIL Bocar
KASONGO Nkulu Johnny
KAU Obakeng Johannes
KHANYE Tsholofelo Happiness
KHUMALO Happiness Nokuthokza

LEWKAKWE Tshegofatso
MABASA Nsovo
MABUNDA Lulamile Enoch
MABUSELA Rofilwe
MACHAVE Nyiko Amukela
MADLOPHA Silungile
MAKHADO Rendani
MALULEKE Nthabiseng
MANONYANE Tshepang Christopher
MAPHANGA Bongani
MARKET Keith Adrianne
MASHEGO Sabelo
MASHININI Ignatius Sipiriti
MATLA Lucky
MAWASHA Christopher
MBANDAZAYO Yolisa



ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

M+4

MBOMBI Sandiso Witness

MENZE Siziwe

MHLONGO Bonakele Sarah

MHLONGO Zinhle Zandile

MIYA Ndumiso

MKASI Mahlatsi

MKHIZE Nothando

MNGOMEZULU Tsidie Ntombifuthi

MNTINGANE Zusiphe

MOFOKENG Lerato Beaty

MOHLALA Paballo Stephen

MOHLOBANE Thandiwe Palesa

MOKABA Maite Queen

MOKATI Matebesi Matthews

MOKHETHI Kabelo

MOLATO Tumelo

MONONELA Moeketsi Innocent

MPHEPHU Khathutshelo Mulanga

MTHOMBENI Makhosazane Precious

MTHOMBENI Tsakani Jane

MUSHITU Seyo Job

MVUBU Thando

MVULA Ramaota Disebo

MYANGA Nomagugu Busisiwe

NGQUKUVANA Yoliswa

NHLABATSI Nicholus Khosie

NKOSI Nonkululeko Tinah

NKOSI Ntokozo Elvis

NKOSI Sibonelo Zanele

NKUNA Mduduzi Bongani

NOGQALA Khanyisa

NTHOKO Mpho

NTULI Nontethelelo

NYALUNGU Jim

PHAKULA Ntlhari

RADEBE Boitumelo Portia

RADZHADZHI Thanyani Duran

RAMALEPE Lesetsa Johannes

SELELA Tshwarelo Lereko

SELEPE Dineo

SHAMASE Magnificent Sbonelo

SIBIYA Sbongangani Andrew

SITHOLE Mini-Enhle Musawenkosi Charles

SITHOLE Noxolo Zamajobe

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DISSERTATION: EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENT OF
TRANSIENT BEHAVIOR OF SINGLE WIRE EARTH RETURN (SWER) LINES UNDER
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DISSERTATION: THE EFFICIENT ADSORPTION OF COPPER (II) IONS UTILIZING
AMINO FUNCTIONALIZED CROSS-LINKED CHITOSAN BEADS: KINETIC,
THERMODYNAMIC AND DESORPTION STUDIES

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PETE Kwena Yvonne

THESIS: TREATMENT OF EMERGING BIO-RECALCITRANT CONTAMINANTS BY HETEROGENEOUS PHOTOCATALYSIS AND ANAEROBIC DIGESTION

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ABSTRACT:

Tetracycline (TC) is one of the most used antibiotics to treat bacterial infections for human and animal health. However, its environmental persistence and potential harm to human health and ecosystems have made it one of the emerging biorecalcitrant contaminants of concern. The chemical stability of TC makes it recalcitrant to traditional wastewater treatment methods, emphasizing the need to develop effective treatment technologies for efficiently degrading and converting the TC in wastewater into non-toxic compounds. The main objective of the study was to apply an integrated heterogeneous photocatalysis and biological treatment method to overcome the limitations of the processes when applied individually. The photocatalytic process employed a nano-engineered composite photocatalyst made of titanium dioxide (TiO_2)/multi-wall carbon nanotubes (MWCNT) while anaerobic digestion (AD) was used for the biological process. Initially, the one-factor-at-a-time method was used to optimize the heterogeneous photocatalysis process. The effect of the different weight of MWCNTs (0.1, 0.3, 0.8 and 1 g/L) on TiO_2 optical, structural, and morphological properties was investigated. Subsequently, the Response Surface Methodology (RSM) was employed to assess the interactions among the operational parameters in the photocatalytic process. Before integration, anaerobic biodegradation experiments were carried out separately to determine the optimum operation conditions. Lastly, the heterogeneous photocatalytic and AD processes were integrated and applied for the degradation of TC. In addition, the potential of the application of the bioenergy produced by the AD process to supplement the energy-intensive photocatalytic process was evaluated.

The characterization of synthesized materials showed the anatase phase formation in both pure TiO_2 and the TiO_2 -MWCNTs nanocomposite, according to X-ray diffraction analysis. The morphology analysis of TiO_2 -MWCNTs nanocomposites using Scanning electron microscopy confirmed the uniform dispersion of MWCNTs within the TiO_2 matrix. The Fourier transform infrared results indicated that in the spectrum of the MWCNTs/ TiO_2 composite, the peak at 500 cm⁻¹ was sharper than that observed for pure TiO_2 . The TiO_2 /MWCNT composite had enhanced photocatalytic activity (95% TC removal) compared to TiO_2 (86% removal). Additionally, different kinetic models were applied to demonstrate the governing mechanisms. To effectively remove ECs from wastewater, understanding adsorption isotherms is essential for evaluating and optimizing the photocatalyst material. Moreover, the kinetics plays a vital role, as it reveals the adsorption rate. These models are crucial for this study, as they provide insights into the underlying mechanisms of adsorption, ultimately informing methods to optimize TC removal. The photocatalyst nanocomposite exhibited overall pseudo-second-order reaction kinetics and favoured the Langmuir adsorption isotherm. From the RSM, the process performance was evaluated in terms of TC reduction and TOC removal. The model demonstrated a strong correlation with coefficients of 0.9807 and 0.9590 for TOC and TC removal, respectively. F-values of 54.49 and 25.07 were obtained, with P-values smaller than 0.001, confirming the reliability of the model.



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The application of either heterogenous photocatalysis or AD process as a separate treatment method was not effective in the mineralization and COD reduction. Heterogeneous photocatalysis as a single approach resulted in 39% COD reduction, and 28% total organic carbon (TOC) removal while AD achieved 56% of the COD reduction. When applied as a pre-treatment stage, heterogenous photocatalysis improved the biodegradability (BOD₅/COD ratio) from 0.12 to 0.42 resulting in improved COD, biological oxygen demand BOD₅, and TOC removals of 71%, 70%, and 76%, respectively in the subsequent post-treatment AD process. Kinetic studies indicate that the volume ratio of the photocatalytic reactor unit to the anaerobic reactor unit for an integrated system with constant feed flow should be 12:1. The bioenergy generated by AD could supply part of the energy needs of the sequential system resulting in 20% energy savings and a carbon dioxide emission reduction (CER) of 22.74 kg for every cubic meter of treated wastewater. While this study demonstrates promising results for treating recalcitrant organic contaminants of emerging concern using an integrated AOP-AD approach , it has some notable limitations. Economic feasibility is a concern, as setting up and running photocatalytic systems, which may involve high cost at a large-scale wastewater treatment. additionally, the applicability of these findings to other ECs, such as those with different chemical properties or structures (pesticides, personal use products), is uncertain and requires further investigation.



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THESIS: DEVELOPMENT OF AN ULTRA-PERMEABLE, FERROMAGNETIC AND BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERIC CELLULOSE NANOCRYSTALS/NYLON-6 NANOCOMPOSITE ENCAPSULATED WITH CHITOSAN FOR WATER PURIFICATION

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ABSTRACT:

Portable water treatment methods like membrane technologies, ion exchange, and electrochemical processes are limited by fouling, high energy use, small-scale applicability, and secondary pollutants. These challenges highlight the need for innovative materials to improve efficiency, scalability, and sustainability in removing metal ions and pollutants from wastewater, driving the development of advanced treatment solutions. This study developed an ultra-permeable, biodegradable, and magnetized nanocomposite adsorbent (CNCs/N6@Fe3O4-CT) using recycled pulp and paper sludge (RPPS) for removing Cr⁶⁺, Cd²⁺, and Pb²⁺ ions from wastewater. The adsorbent, composed of cellulose nanocrystals (CNCs), Nylon-6 (N6), iron oxide (Fe3O4), and chitosan (CT), was characterized using Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), and scanning electron microscope (SEM), electron dispersive spectroscopy (EDS), Transmission electron microscope (TEM), Vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM), and Ultraviolet-visible (UV-Vis) spectroscopy. Results showed Fe3O4 nanoparticles enhanced surface area and metal ion separation, while CNCs and N6 improved strength, porosity, and binding sites. BET analysis revealed a surface area of 6.693 m²/g, and FTIR confirmed the presence of -OH, -NH₂, and FeO groups. SEM images displayed a porous surface, indicating potential for efficient adsorption. From the batch adsorption studies, the optimal parameters were 1.0 g/L adsorbent dosage at 298K, 120 minutes contact time, 20 mg/L initial metal ions concentration, and optimal pH values of 2.0, 5.0, and 8.0 for Cr⁶⁺, Cd²⁺, and Pb²⁺ removal efficiency of 91.4%, 77%, and 88.67%. The batch adsorption data fitted well to the Langmuir isotherm model, whereas the adsorption kinetics followed the pseudo-second-order kinetics. Thermodynamic studies showed that the process was exothermic and dominated by chemical adsorption. The column study established that the CNCs/N6@Fe3O4-CT adsorbent effectively eliminated up to 95% of the tested heavy metal ions from the synthetic water. Furthermore, the system reached an equilibrium between 140-290 minutes, much shorter than usual, owing to the ultra-permeability of the nanocomposite adsorbent. The highest removal capacities were 43.27, 46.12, and 36.8 mg/g for Pb²⁺, Cr⁶⁺, and Cd²⁺, respectively. The results showed excellent removal of COD, BOD, and Cr⁶⁺ ions from the tannery effluent. The research established that the developed CNCs/N6@Fe3O4-CT adsorbent made of cost-effective, ecologically friendly materials has the potential for further optimization and application in industrial and portable wastewater treatment.

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