

'Hands of Stone' succumbed to Covid-19 at age 50

By **Bongani Magasela**

Joyce Kungwane, Tsholofelo Lejaka and Rodney Berman were all torn apart by the death on Friday of Lehlohonolo 'Hands of Stone' Ledwaba, who succumbed to Covid-19 on his way to Lesedi Clinic in Diepkloof, Soweto.

Kungwane co-owned TLB Boxing Promotions with the departed hero. Ledwaba was in the forefront of the formation of the consortium involving former world boxing champions Dinga Thobela and Jan Bergman – hence TLB, which are their initials.

Thobela and Bergman left, leaving Ledwaba and Kungwane, who have gone as far as to position their company as the second most active boxing promoter in the Gauteng province.

Golden Gloves promoter, Berman – who made it possible for Ledwaba as boxer to win the IBF junior featherweight belt in 1999 – also staged the WBU featherweight bout which Ledwaba won against Vuyani Bungu in 2002.

Said Kungwane: "I am devastated. I am numb. He is the reason why there is TLB and also why I am involved in boxing. But it is comforting for me that I was there even when Ledwaba had his last breath on Friday night when we were transporting him to Lesedi Clinic.

"The best way for me to honour him is to continue with the promotion of fights; I can only hope it will make his soul rest in peace to see TLB grow."

Lejaka said when he arrived at BSA as the CEO Ledwaba welcomed him with open arms.

"He was the most support-



Lehlohonolo Ledwaba, right, hands out punishment to Vuyani Bungu. /RAYMOND PRESTON

Ledwaba's death leaves shattered colleagues numb

ive, constructive and humble legend I've ever known," Lejaka said.

"He earned my admiration in my childhood as a champion, and continued to earn my respect in my administration days as a devoted and disciplined licensee, brother, friend and patriot."

Said Berman: "Ledwaba was one of the finest fighters that came through our hands. He was on the verge of getting an HBO date. Regretably Ledwaba

lost to Manny Pacquiao. I would put Ledwaba in the category of a young Dinga Thobela. Such a sad loss."

Dr Solly Selepe – the last person to attend to the fallen hero medically – said: "Ledwaba was brought here at Lister Clinic, Johannesburg, on Thursday for medical attention. I gave him the best medication and his condition improved. The plan was to see him on Friday. Sadly that could not happen. We have lost

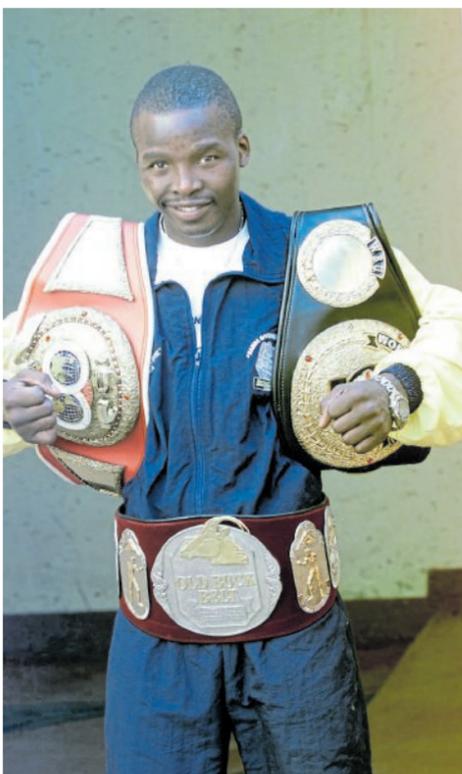
a gentleman."

Ledwaba, who fought his first pro fight in 1990, quit in 2006 due a detached retina.

He started his career under Hezekiel Mtshali before teaming up with David Kgotsane who died two days before Ledwaba's first defence of the IBF belt in 1999.

Mzimasi Mnguni helped Ledwaba in one title defense before Ledwaba roped in Norman Hlabane as his full-time trainer until the end of his illustrious career.

Ledwaba, who was to turn 50 on July 25, recorded 26 knockouts in 36 wins against six losses and a draw.



Lehlohonolo 'Hands of Stone' Ledwaba / VELI NHLAPO



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) REFERENCE NUMBER: EOI/FUMANI/202131-8

Corridor Mining Resources (CMR) invites submission of expression of interest from suitable private sector companies or investors to be involved as strategic business partner(s) and investor(s) in the Fumani Greenstone Gold Mine Project, to develop an underground gold mine.

Companies / Investors are hereby invited to submit an Expression of Interest to be involved as strategic business partners and investors in Fumani Greenstone Gold Mine Project, to develop an underground gold mine. Interested companies/ enterprises/ businesses are considered to comply with all the legislations of South Africa and have sufficient knowledge, expertise, track record and resources in raising capital, delivering a capital mine project, and managing mine operations.

COMPULSORY SITE VISIT / BRIEFING

Date and time: 21 July 2021, 10h00
Venue: Fumani Greenstone Gold Mine, The project is located, 115km East of Makhado & 2km West of Kruger National Park (next to Mtiti Village), : Collins Chabane Local Municipality, Mtiti Village

The Expression of Interest (EOI) documents will be obtainable onsite during the compulsory site visit.

CLOSING OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expression of Interest (EOI) submissions closes at 11h00 on Tuesday 31 August 2021 and must be placed in the LEDA tender box at Lebowakgomo office, Enterprise Development House, Main Road, Lebowakgomo 0737.

ENQUIRIES

All enquiries regarding Expression of Interest or details regarding the project should be directed to Ms Thabelo Netshitungulu on thabelo.netshitungulu@lieda.co.za or 015 633 4700.

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Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Provisions of Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000 and Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003 that Nkangala District Municipality will be upgrading the Payroll and HR module system from VIP to VIP 300 people effect from 2021-22 Financial year. The contract will therefore be amended in terms of section 116 of the MFMA.

Enquiries can be directed to the following official:

Divisional Manager Budget and Expenditure:
Mr Msiza A.S 013 249 2117
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