



BUTHOTIS TRADING (PTY) LTD T/A LOWVELD BUS SERVICE

Introduction

Buthotis Trading (Pty) Ltd t/a Lowveld Bus Service (LBS) is a Bus Company, specializing in Employee & Public Transport.

With a track record of more than 30 years, LBS currently holds contracts with the Department of Transport and various clients at the Medupi Power Station and Exxaro Grootgeluk Coal Mine.

With a fleet of more than 170 vehicles, LBS has the right vehicle to suit any client's transport needs.

These vehicles range from 14, 22, 65, 80, and 114 Seater vehicles which are kept and maintained at our duly accredited depot workshops in Lephalale.

Our proven track record, along with in depth knowledge of the region and community, make us your number one choice in transport.

Background

The Company was founded by Louis Rossel and Garnet van der Walt in October 1983. The dormant company name Laeveld Bus Diens was bought by Thaba Nchu Transport as well as 20 permits to operate a passenger service in the then, Ellisras area.

The first busses were bought from SA Transport in Kimberly and brought to Ellisras. A very small depot was established on a plot on the outskirts of town which consisted of two rondawels and no proper workshop. In 1989 a better equipped depot was built in Onverwacht, Ellisras to accommodate the growth and to sustain a reliable and safe service. In 1990 Lowveld Bus Service was awarded a contract by the then Iscor mine to convey passengers to the Grootegeluk Coal Mine and back.

The demand for transport also grew over the years as the town started expanding. In 1998 the Department of Roads and Transport put out a kilometre based tender for transport in the area and it was awarded to Lowveld Bus Service. In 2001 one of the owners Garnet Van der Walt was bought out and a new company Buthotis Trading (Pty)Ltd t/a Lowveld Bus Service was registered by the remaining founder, Louis Rossel.

In August 2019 the trading name, Lowveld Bus Service along with all the assets were bought by Imperial Logistics.

In March 2023 Imperial Logistics sold its shares to Itumele Bus Lines who is now the majority shareholder in the Company.

Throughout its history, the Company and its Employees have remained true to the LBS vision of providing safe, reliable and affordable transport for all.

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Our Services

LBS caters for every transport need, albeit for commercial and/or private purposes. Our services include, but are not limited to:

- Commercial Contract Services and Employee Transport;
- Private Hires;
- Public Transport;
- School Trips;
- Ad Hoc Bus Hires.

We suggest that you contact our offices in order to discuss your specific transport needs.

Our Fleet

Our fleet consist of vehicles manufactured by Toyota, Volkswagen, MAN, Mercedes-Benz, Volvo and Iveco.

We offer the following seating capacities:

- 14 Seater;
- 22 Seater;
- 65 Seater;
- 80 Seater;
- 114 Seater.

Our Management Team

- Nickus Robbertse
General Manager

Nickus has been with LBS since April 2013. He studied LLB at the North West University (NWU Pukke) and obtained his degree in 2008, after which he also did a LLM degree in Labour Law at NWU Pukke which he obtained in 2009.

He completed his articles at Noltes Inc in Ermelo, after which he was successfully admitted as an Attorney and worked at Wessels & Hattingh Inc in Pietermaritzburg before joining the LBS family in 2013 as HR Manager.

In August 2019, Nickus was promoted to General Manager where he is currently overseeing the day to day running of LBS and all its departments.

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- Jacob Moloantoa
Operations Manager

Growing up in the Lephalale area, Jacob started his employment relationship with LBS in June 1993 as a Ticket Seller and Cashier. After 13 years, Jacob was promoted to ETM Machine Technician in 2006.

During that time, Jacob gained extensive knowledge of the Company's Public Transport Department (DOT), which led to his promotion as Operations Manager in 2014 when he was assigned with overseeing the DOT Transport Arrangements and Operations.

In 2018, Jacob was also assigned with the overseeing of the Exxaro Grootgeluk Main Contract's Transport Arrangements and Operations.

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Local Partnerships

Despite being a local Company for more than 30 years, LBS has also entered into partnerships with two local Companies which LBS have assisted in managing their transport contracts, transferring of skills and enabling these Companies to establish themselves and obtain transport assets.

- Boraro Mmogo Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd

Boraro Mmogo consist of more than 200 shareholders who are mostly members of the taxi associations in Lephalale, namely ELTA, Kudu and Long Distance.

Through this partnership, Boraro Mmogo has gained invaluable experience in transport contract management by providing transport services as a Sub-Contractor for LBS to certain clients at the Medupi Power Station, Exxaro Grootgeluk Mine and DOT Public Transport.

- Brookville Trading (Pty) Ltd t/a Tswelopele

Tswelopele is a local 100% Black Woman Owned (BWO) Company which was registered in 2006.

Through the assistance from LBS, Tswelopele has operated various contracts as Sub-Contractor, at the Medupi Power Station and Exxaro Grootgeluk Mine.