



South Africa

- Established operations in South Africa in 1959
- Acquired South African chemical company, Sentrachem, in 1997
- Level 5 BBBEE Contributor in 2012
- In May 2013, Dow relocated its Sub-Saharan Africa head office to Johannesburg from Dubai

Our Presence

Dow Southern Africa is home to the region's Sub-Saharan Africa headquarters and is made up of South Africa and other countries that fall within the Southern Africa Development Community. The region is a key growth area for Dow because of its fast-growing economies, increasing investment in infrastructure development and political stability.

Dow Southern Africa is a significant player in key sectors of the South African economy including water, agriculture, energy (including renewable energy), coatings, packaging, transportation, furniture, appliances, automotive and infrastructure. Our sales are to other businesses rather than end-users. The country acts as a base for the development of adjacent markets in the region and for providing technical support for our customers in South Africa.

Dow's commercial divisions in the region include Performance Materials, Coatings and Infrastructure Solutions, Dow Water & Process Solutions as well as Dow AgroSciences. Performance Materials incorporates distribution, specialty chemicals, polyurethane applications and performance packaging. The Coatings & Infrastructure division, which has a site in New Germany, KwaZulu-Natal, produces specialty chemicals for architectural coatings, textiles, non-wovens, paper, industrial and construction adhesives as well as sealants. The water portfolio supplies ion exchange resins, reverse osmosis membranes and ultra-filtration technologies used to purify water for human consumption, treat industrial water and address water challenges such as Acid Mine Drainage. The food industry is also a market for Dow, where we provide various packaging solutions.



Since 2002, Dow has supported Rehoboth Children's Village, a home for orphaned children living with HIV/AIDS. The village is located in the KwaZulu-Natal province in South Africa.



Dow AgroSciences brings innovative products from its operations around the globe to meet the needs of farmers in the region, protecting crops such as cotton, soybean, rice, vegetables, nuts and vines. With a formulation and packaging facility at Canelands and warehousing facilities near Johannesburg and in the Western Cape, Dow AgroSciences is well placed to serve domestic and regional markets. In addition, exports of the herbicide Tebuthiuron are driven from local manufacturing bases to supply markets such as Latin America, the USA and Australasia.

Dow as a Community Partner

At Dow we believe that the health of our business is intertwined with the health of the communities in which we operate. We actively partner with local organizations that support development in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (**STEM**), Health and Sustainability, which are key areas driving economic growth and development.

One of our long-standing community development projects is **Rehoboth Children's Village**, which cares for orphaned and abandoned children living with HIV/AIDS on the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast. Dow has supported Rehoboth since 2002, contributing towards the development of an improved volunteer accommodation facility and sponsoring two fully furnished housing units, each built to house a group of orphans and their housemother. Dow also initiated the Education Fund for Rehoboth to pay school fees and purchase uniforms for the children.

Dow is also a long-standing supporter of **Thokomala Orphan Care**, an independent community-based NGO dedicated to helping children affected or infected by HIV, by introducing them to a nurturing family environment and providing the relevant care they need and deserve. Notably, the company established the Dow Education Trust Fund for Thokomala, enabling orphans to pursue studies at a tertiary level.

Dow has also funded the establishment of a fully equipped chemistry laboratory at **Sci-Bono Discovery Centre**, which offers a dynamic teaching environment for teachers to increase appreciation of chemistry, providing students with the opportunity to perform experiments and receive practical training after school and on weekends. We also support the Emasondosondo Outreach Programme at Sci Bono, a Mobile Science Laboratory project.

The **Dow-Wits University Scholarship Fund** was launched in April 2012 to provide financial support to deserving Chemistry students. Ten students were able to pursue their post-graduate Chemistry studies in 2013 at the university.