

ANTI - EVICTION CAMPAIGN

W E S T E R N C A P E



Monday 3 November, 2008

To Old Mutual Financial Services Group,

The Gugulethu residents are crying out about Old Mutuals secrecy which is undermining the Gugulethu community. Controversial businessman, Mzoli Ngcawuzela, has been Old Mutuals strongman pushing forward the Gugulethu Mall against the will and without consultation with the residents of the area.

Over twenty local businesses have been destroyed because of the development of this shopping mall. But were they consulted? No. Are they being guaranteed rights to trade once the mall is built? No.

The residents of Gugulethu cannot allow themselves to be disrespected and marginalised for the sake of profit and the development of big businesses which seek to colonise our community. Rather than creating jobs, your development has already destroyed people's livelihoods. Rather than help small businesses and spaza shops, your development will seek to shut them out and undermine them through large chains such as Shoprite, Spar, and PEP.

Impersonal big businesses such as Shoprite will not be allowed to operate in communities such as Gugulethu which rely on personal community relationships and cooperation to get by. Your development will undermine everything that has been built from the ground up by local entrepreneurs and concerned residents.

Before we rise up and stop the development of this mall for good, we demand that officials from Old Mutual come and explain your intentions to our community. We meet every Sunday at 14h00 at the Gugulethu Sports Complex. As a social movement, this is our collective office of our people

Sincerely,

Mncedisi Twalo - Chairperson
The Gugulethu Anti-Eviction Campaign

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