

Corporate Social Investment

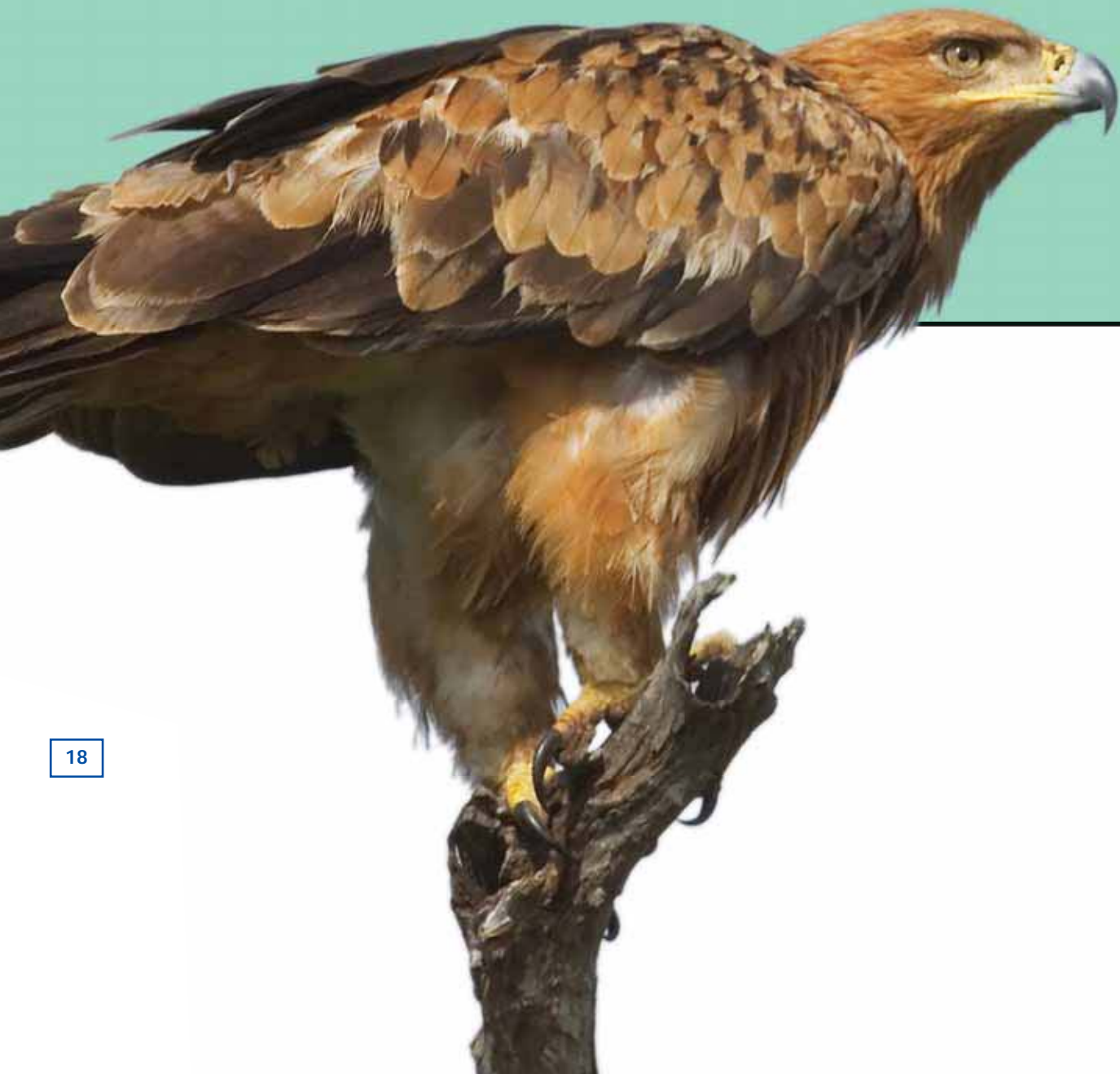
Educational Support

SA Eagle Bursary Fund

Since its inception in 2002, the SA Eagle Bursary Fund has continued to support students studying towards the BTech (Education). Progress reports provided by the South African Institute of Race Relations, who administer the fund on behalf of the Company, report that the students are showing satisfactory results. The students, as in previous years, are counselled biannually. Their progress is monitored and support and guidance is provided.

University Donations

Continuing our support of tertiary institutions, SA Eagle again provided financial support to three universities operating in the major centers where SA Eagle has a presence. An amount of R100 000 was split between these institutions.



Donations Pool

Ad-hoc donation requests were, as usual, acknowledged by way of small monetary donations. During the course of the year a number of charitable organisations were supported in this manner.

BEE Corporate Social Investment (CSI)

As a result of the BEE transaction entered into between SA Eagle and Royal Bafokeng Finance, a Transformation Committee was set up to oversee alignment of the Company with the Financial Sector Charter and Codes of Good Practice on Broad Based BEE. CSI forms a part of the Committee's mandate.

During 2006, the Committee together with Royal Bafokeng Finance identified and supported a high priority CSI project, in the form of the Tapologo Aids Hospice. Funding to the tune of over R1.4 million was provided to further the work that they do.

Tapologo is a community-focused holistic intervention programme that seeks to improve the quality of life of everyone who is affected by the scourge of HIV/Aids.

Tapologo's mission includes establishing clinics near the mines and informal settlements, creating outreach programmes providing home care and education using volunteers, caring for Aids patients in the terminal stages of the disease and developing a concept known as the Orphaned and Vulnerable Children's Care and Support Programme targeted at Aids orphans and HIV-infected children. In addition to the above, an Anti-Retroviral Treatment Programme has been implemented to provide AR Therapy to the poorest of the poor.

Conservation Initiatives

SA Eagle Trust Fund

The SA Eagle Trust Fund, set up to sponsor eagle conservation activities, comprises representatives from SA Eagle and the Birds of Prey Working Group (BoPWG) of the Endangered Wildlife Trust. The main purpose of the fund is to evaluate and decide on funding for suitable projects. During 2006, support from the SA Eagle Trust Fund was provided as follows:

Kalahari Raptor Project

SA Eagle's support of the Kalahari Raptor Project continued last year. The project's overall objective is to change the attitude especially of stock farmers, to accommodate eagles and other species of birds of prey on their farmland.

The project had a successful year in 2006, expanding on many of the project's activities and developing strong relationships with the local community, farmers and landowners. Abrie Maritz, the co-ordinator of the project, continued to promote raptor conservation in the region through innovative reward programmes and incentive schemes.

Despite the obstacles that Abrie faces with regard to raptor conservation, he remains extremely positive and passionate about changing attitudes towards achieving an ecologically stable environment for raptor species to survive.

Reports are submitted to the Working Group's management team regularly, which allows for the reassessment of the project where necessary.

SA Eagle National Eagle Day

SA Eagle National Eagle Day, celebrated on the first Friday in October, is dedicated to educating various sectors within the broader public about the importance of raptors.

In 2006, there was a dual focus, fund raising and staff members were asked to spread the conservation message to members of the public. As is usual, our employees embraced the challenge to further our conservation effort.

SA Eagle Information Help Line

The SA Eagle Information Help Line, puts farmers and the general public in contact with the field co-ordinators, as well as providing information for school children's projects. Literature, which explains the role of the BoPWG as well as educating the general public (especially farmers) about raptors, was also circulated to callers via the BoPWG office.

SA Eagle Cross Country 4x4 Club

All Terrain Insurance Policyholders are involved in the projects supported by the SA Eagle Trust Fund by means of a pledge, made by SA Eagle and Cross Country Insurance Consultants, of R2 per policy. The income generated during the year was used to support the various conservation projects mentioned above as well as to produce a newsletter keeping Club Members updated on the projects and activities in which they can become involved.

