

**HUNADI TLOMATSA****Caliente Designs (Pty) Ltd****Services:**

- Custom handmade Jewellery
- Repairs
- Sizing
- Polishing & Cleaning

**ABOUT ME**

I, Raisebe Hunadi Tlomatsana the owner of **Caliente Designs** completed Diploma in jewellery design and manufacture at Tshwane University of Technology in 2012. With the knowledge and technical skills I received from University. I won shining light awards overall winner in 2010-2012, Shining light awards winner 2013-2014, Merit award winner at the international jewellery Design excellence (IJDE) 2013 in Hong Kong and Plat Africa awards participant 2015. I acquired 1 year experience at Keith White designs in 2015 and 2 years internship experience at shadow jewellers in 2013-2014. Caliente Designs was registered in 2013. My business designs and manufactures jewellery in precious metals. My passion for jewellery started at a very young age as I always liked drawing. In January 2016 I applied for SEDA Limpopo Jewellery Incubator's SMME development programme and was accepted.

I went to SLJI website and got the contact details of the Centre. I then contacted SLJI and made an appointment with Mabatho Malatji, the Business Development Officer. I met with Mabatho and I was told about the different services the Centre offers. I was interviewed and accepted in the programme. I then signed up with the incubator as a project in January 2016 and received the following support:

- Technical jewellery manufacturing training
- Business mentoring and management trainings
- Access to market

Through business management trainings programmes provided by SLJI, I now know how to write a business plan, keep financial records, manage time, market my products and comply with legal requirements such as SARS, CIPC etc. Caliente Designs also received an opportunity to participate at Marula Festival in February 2016. My business was dormant in 2015. I started trading in January 2016 after joining SLJI SMME development. The business is going well so far, I have customers and my sales are also improved. I plan to open my own workshop in order to supply local and international retailers.

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