

THE SHOPRITE GROUP SUPPLY CHAIN

As South Africa's largest food retailer, the Shoprite Group continues to invest in advanced supply chain infrastructure and technology, consistently scaling up to ensure delivery of a wide range of affordable, fresh products to the growing number of more than **3 400 supermarkets it operates nationwide**.

In line with its pioneering approach to centralised distribution, the Group operates **29 distribution centres across the country**, each strategically located close to stores and suppliers, thereby reducing transport costs and emissions, increasing support to local suppliers, and enhancing supply agility.

INTERESTING FACTS:

- The Group's 29 distribution centres cover a total of over **900,000m² under roof**.
- The Group's distribution centres collectively create **employment** for around **12 000 people** across warehousing, transport, and support roles.
- The Group employs over **1,550 drivers**, including **38 female truck drivers**.
- There are over 1 100 trucks and over 1 500 truck trailers in operation, of which more than 1 400 trailers are fitted with **solar PV panels**.
- **50%** of the trucks in the fleet are **Euro 5 compliant low emission DC trucks**.



FACT SHEET: RIVERFIELDS DISTRIBUTION CENTRE



Riverfields Distribution Centre in Kempton Park, Ekurhuleni is the latest addition to the Group's supply chain, constructed over a period of approximately one year, from April 2023 to May 2024.



OVERVIEW

- The new Riverfields DC serves over **500 stores** in Gauteng and surrounding areas.
- The development covers **189,000m²**, with approximately **94,000m²** under one roof.
- The **all-in-one facility unifies** cold storage, dry goods, admin, returns, maintenance, staff amenities, and recycling, enhancing workflow and reducing costs.
- A **350m pedestrian spine** improves safety and movement by separating foot and vehicle traffic.
- An automated sortation system combined with real-time dashboards, tracking and planning tools ensure **efficient stock management**, especially also in readiness for peak periods.



EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS

- Riverfields DC creates job opportunities for over **1,700 people**, most of whom are from the surrounding Ekurhuleni area.
 - **300** are women and **1 400** are men.
- **Employees are trained** in warehouse systems, inventory, machinery, and logistics processes, with **opportunities to grow** within the DC.



SUSTAINABILITY

- A rooftop solar PV system - comprising **3,488 panels** with a **1,901 kWp capacity** - covers a quarter of the facility's roof. It generates an estimated **3,042,289 kWh annually**, enough to power around **560 homes** per year.
- Additional energy-efficient systems include natural refrigerants that support the Group's target of **net-zero emissions by 2050**.
- **Water efficiency** is driven by a smart monitoring system that tracks usage and detects leaks in real time. Additional water-saving features include **600,000 litres of backup storage**, infrastructure to enable rainwater harvesting, and greywater reuse for restrooms, reducing reliance on potable water.
- In line with the Group's commitment to **waste reduction**, the facility **diverts** approximately **800 tonnes** from landfill each month.
- Heat pumps and water-saving fixtures are specified to meet **EDGE standards** and the building is **EDGE Advance Level 2 certified**.