Fashion ramp gives Cape seamstresses a glimmer of hope

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HOP sprang eternal in the human breast to write the most vivid and significant story of Anglo-South African life. For, although this has all too often obscured the history of sharing other peoples and never finding a promised land of gold, hope continues to sustain millions of people in situations that, in mere fiction, might seem hopeless.

In this world of hope and depression, there can be Cinderella moments when there is a glimmer of what may be possible: times when even the humblest and most neglected may be able to look back, however briefly, in the illusion of a dream that may actually come true.

On the outskirts of Cape Town, between New Orleans and Stirling Hill, lies Cape Town. They do not qualify as such moments. They have become symbols of future hope for the Portuguese and English workers, who have been involved in the garment industry in Cape Town.

In the midst of the chill of an outside wet season, these workers are planning their designs and sewing, preparing the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of the remains of 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