



DAC Newsletter: April 2009

Feedback on Recent Activities & Improvements

Joint Supplier Auditing and Development

The 'Recession Surviving Skills' session for Group 1 suppliers on 2 April 2009 was attended by 21 supplier representatives. The session was hosted by Federal Mogul Friction Products in Prospecton and presentations were made by Alan Blades (Federal Mogul Friction Products) and Ron Critchlow.

Remuneration and Retention Practices Survey

The questionnaire for the Remuneration and Retention Survey has been reviewed and distributed to participating firms. Twenty three automotive manufacturing related jobs will be surveyed in terms of the remuneration and retention strategies applied by the various companies in order to retain scarce skills. It is envisaged that the data and the report from this survey will be ready by the end of May 2009. Results from this survey will only be shared with DAC member firms that are participating in the survey. A confidentiality agreement has been drafted and will be signed by the DAC with all participating companies to ensure confidentiality and integrity of the data. For more information please contact Jan Smuts on 031 765 3870 or at jan@bmanalysts.com.

Graduate Development Programme

Recruitment of additional DAC member firms to join this programme is continuing. A total number of 156 graduates from various academic institutions have applied to join this Programme. For more information please contact Jan Smuts on 031 765 3870 or at jan@bmanalysts.com.

Project Management for Procurement Managers

The 'Project Management for Procurement Management (Tools and Techniques)' workshop took place on 16 April 2009 at B&M Analysts in Hillcrest. The speaker was Mondli Mlambo from the Durban University of Technology (DUT).

Confirmed Activities for May 2009

DAC Annual General Meeting and Celebration Breakfast

The annual DAC Annual General Meeting and Celebration Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, 12 May 2009 at The Hilton Hotel in Durban. The Guest Speakers will include Dr. Johan van Zyl (Toyota South Africa) and the Deputy City Mayor Cllr. Logie Naidoo.

Infrastructure Technical Steering Committee Meeting

The Infrastructure Technical Steering Committee Meeting will take place on 19 May 2009 at Smiths Manufacturing Customer Excellence Centre in New Germany.



Skills Development Technical Steering Committee Meeting

The Skills Development Technical Steering Committee Meeting will be held on 28 May 2009 at Federal-Mogul Powertrain Systems in Westmead.

DAC Procurement Forum - Risk Management in the current Economic Conditions

The next DAC Procurement Forum will take place on Thursday, 14 May 2009 at B&M Analysts in Hillcrest. The topic of the meeting will be Risk Management in the Current Economic Conditions.

HIV & AIDS

The second HIV/AIDS Champions Forum will be taking place on 7 May 2009 at BEHR SA in New Germany. A guest speaker from the eThekweni Municipality will be speaking on Tuberculosis and other HIV and AIDS related illnesses. The Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) dates for the first group of eight participating companies have been finalised and will commence on 12 May 2009 at IJ Component Manufacturers. The VCTs will conclude at BEHR SA on 29 July 2009.

The next workgroup meeting will also be taking place on 7 May 2009 at BEHR SA. This meeting will be attended by Lynne Hewison from Reality Testing. Participating DAC members will have the opportunity to discuss and confirm the methodologies to be applied when the VCTs take place. The DAC is currently exploring viable opportunities to repeat the KAP survey later in 2009, as well as training and refresher training opportunities for Champions and Peer Educators. For more information please contact Jan Smuts at 031 765 3870 or jan@bmanalysts.com

Joint Supplier Auditing and Development

The next Joint Supplier Auditing and Development Programme training session for Group 3, will be taking place on 21 May 2009 at Pi Shurlok in Pietermaritzburg. This training session will be a half day session focusing on the International Materials Data System (IMDS). The session will also briefly touch on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical Substances (REACH).

The training session for Group 2 will take place in the last week of May and will be hosted by GUD Filters. The training will be on Quality Operating Systems. For more information please contact Jan Smuts at 031 765 3870 or jan@bmanalysts.com.

Planned but Unconfirmed Activities

Energy Workshop

The Durban Automotive Cluster and the Durban Chemicals Cluster will be hosting a joint Energy Workshop in May 2009. This workshop will focus on tariff implications and will provide participants with an opportunity to actively engage with representatives from Eskom and the relevant municipalities. Firms are encouraged to attend this workshop in order to gain more clarity on the energy issues that are prevalent. The details of the workshop will be sent to all



DURBAN AUTOMOTIVE CLUSTER

DAC and DCC member firms shortly. Presenter: Prashunt Lutchman (Eskom). For more information please contact Aurelia Govender at 031 765 3870 or aurelia@bmanalysts.com.

HIV & AIDS

Recruitment for a second HIV/ AIDS group of DAC members, to join this Programme is continuing. Training is envisaged to start in May 2009 depending on the number of companies that join the Programme. Viable opportunities are currently being explored to repeat the KAP survey later in 2009, as well as training and refresher training opportunities for Champions and Peer Educators. For more information please contact Jan Smuts at 031 765 3870 or jan@bmanalysts.com.

DAC Resource Centre

For a full list of all the items currently in the Resource Centre please contact dac@bmanalysts.com