



DAC

DURBAN AUTOMOTIVE CLUSTER

DAC Newsletter: January 2009

Feedback on Recent Activities & Improvements

Inaugural Automechanika SA (from 18 – 21 March 2009)

The DAC has secured a fully-funded Pavilion for 10 cluster members at Automechanika SA. There are still spaces available for DAC member firms. Please contact Aurelia Govender (tel. 031 – 765 3870 or email aurelia@bmanalysts.com).

DAC Localisation Technical Steering committee

The first DAC Localisation Technical Steering Committee meeting was held at Aunde SA in Southgate Industrial Park. Christo Roets (Aunde SA) was re-elected as Chairperson and Cyril Ramgath (GUD) as the new Deputy Chairperson. Committee members will focus on:

- Localization
- Developing of purchasing skills
- Joint supplier development initiatives

DAC Automotive Purchasing Management courses

Enrolment is now open for the Automotive Purchasing Management course at Durban University of Technology. The duration of the NQF 5 level certificate programme is one-year. The minimum qualifying criteria for applicants are a Matric (or equivalent) and five years working experience. Please contact Cleopatra Ndlovu for further information (tel. 031 – 765 3870 or email dac@bmanalysts.com).

HIV and AIDS Programme

The first HIV/AIDS workgroup meeting for 2009 took place on 22nd January 2009. The meeting was hosted by BEHR SA.

Special Interest Group - Energy Efficiency

The first Energy Efficiency SIG meeting of 2009 was held on 28th January 2009 at B&M Analysts in Hillcrest. David Mercer (WSP Group) was the guest speaker. The key focus areas for the session were:

1. Metering, monitoring , targeting
2. Compressed air
3. Motors and drives

In addition participating firms were equipped with tools to calculate their carbon foot print.

Joint Supplier Auditing and Development

The Joint Supplier Auditing and Development visits to Tier 2 suppliers for Group 3 continued in January 2009.

Confirmed Activities for February 2009

Special Interest Group - Energy Efficiency

The Energy Efficiency SIG meeting will take place on 24th February 2009 at B&M Analysts in Hillcrest. David Mercer (WSP Group) will be the guest speaker. The key focus area will be lighting.

Growth Technical Steering Committee

The inaugural Growth Technical Steering Committee will take place on 2nd February 2009 and will be hosted by BEHR SA, in New Germany.

Industry Transformation Technical Steering Committee

The next Industry Transformation Technical Steering Committee has been scheduled for 16th February 2009 at Smiths Manufacturing.

Best Practice B-BBEE workshop – Prepare for the verification (rating) process of the B-BBEE scorecard for internal and external stakeholders

The next best practice B-BBEE workshop will be held the 17th February 2009, at B&M Analysts in Hillcrest. Dr Robin Woolley (Transcend Advisors) is the guest speaker.

HIV and AIDS Programme

The first HIV/AIDS Champions Forum will be held on 26 February 2009 and will be hosted by Ramsay Engineering.

Joint Supplier Auditing and Development

Federal-Mogul Friction will be hosting a workshop that will focus on 'Recession and survival skills for lower tier suppliers'. The session is open to Group 1 suppliers only.

DAC Resource Centre

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