

January 2010 Newsletter

Feedback on Recent Activities

Energy Efficiency Network: Climate Change Mitigation Workshop

- The second Climate Change Mitigation session was run on 27 January 2010. The focus of the session was on an 'Introduction to Financial Mechanisms for Climate Change Response'. Derek Morgan and Jonathan Ramayia from UNIDO were the presenters at this session.
- The workshop provided member firms with information on carbon footprinting calculations, carbon trading as well as other financial mechanisms relating to climate change response.
- For more information please contact Aurelia Govender (aurelia@bmanalysts.com).

Series of Best Practice B-BBEE workshops

- Over 25 delegates attended the B-BBEE Master Course held on 27 January 2010. Dr Robin Woolley (Transcend Corporate Advisors) was the guest speaker.
- The session focused on 'Executing B-BBEE strategy for cluster members'.
- For more information please contact Thabani Shale (thabani@bmanalysts.com).



Joint Supplier Auditing and Development (JSAD) Programme

- Group 1 of the Joint Supplier Auditing and Development Programme had their first meeting on 21 January 2010 at Federal Mogul Friction Products to plan the various training sessions that will be run for Tier 2 suppliers during 2010.
- For any enquiries regarding the Joint Supplier Auditing and Development Programme or any of the above sessions please contact Tamryn Hartogh (tamryn@bmanalysts.com).

Skills Loss Survey

- The DAC embarked on a short survey to understand the extent of job losses in the local automotive manufacturing sector since the onset of the global economic downturn, as well as the sector's likely outlook for 2010.
- DAC firms are encouraged to participate in this survey as it will assist the DAC to engage with key stakeholders in relation to support for the local automotive manufacturing sector during this difficult period..
- Firm specific information provided by respondents will be treated confidentially and data will be aggregated at a sector level prior to being used in any form of output.
- For more information please contact Jan Smuts (jan@bmanalysts.com).

Confirmed and Unconfirmed activities for February

Thai Study Presentation

- The findings of a DAC Research Report on "*A comparative study of the cost competitiveness of automotive production in Thailand relative to KwaZulu-Natal*" were presented to the NAAMSA Chief Executives in Johannesburg on 08 December 2009.
- These findings will be presented to executives from DAC member firms regarding the strategic implications in the regional automotive industry. The DAC Imbizo workshop will be held on 5 March 2010.
- For further information please contact Douglas Comrie (douglas@bmanalysts.com).

Automotive Business Retention and Development Week for emerging SMEs

- The DAC, in collaboration with TIKZN, is hosting an 'SME Automotive Business Retention and Development Week' from 3 -11 February 2010 in the Durban Area.
- The sessions will cover the following focus areas: (1) domestic and global automotive trends, (2) world class manufacturing principles, (3) financial management, marketing & export readiness programme and (4) face-to face meeting with major automotive buyers.
- DAC member firms are encouraged to take advantage of the buyer meet and greet as it presents an opportunity to improve preferential procurement scores.
- Firms that require further information regarding this programme should contact Aurelia Govender (aurelia@bmanalysts.com).

HR Forum

- The DAC will be hosting an HR Forum on Tuesday, 2 February 2010 which will be presented by Mark Roberts.
- A key point of discussion at this forum meeting will be the 2010 wage negotiations.
- For further enquiries please contact Aurelia Govender (aurelia@bmanalysts.com).

HIV and AIDS Programme

- The training and capacity building for the new group of companies that have joined the programme will commence in February.
- Member firms that would like to be involved in this highly efficient treatment and care programme are encouraged to contact Jan Smuts for more information (jan@bmanalysts.com).

Graduate Development Programme:

- The development of the Process Engineering and Industrialisation elective modules will begin in February 2010. This brings the programme to the point of developing two of the final six modules.
- A number of priority areas have been identified for 2010 to 2012 that the DAC will be focusing on in order to increase the number of graduates and to ensure prudent spending of the funding received from the DEG.
- For more information please contact Jan Smuts (jan@bmanalysts.com).

Logistics Best Practice Workshop

- A workshop has been scheduled for 2 February 2010 and will consist of the following presentations:
 - Back to Basics on Logistic Fundamentals, based on Toyota Way, by John Oliver (Vice President – Production Control & Logistics Division, Toyota South Africa),
 - Latest Automotive Production Development Programme (APDP) developments by Henry Pretorius (Chairman of the NAAMSA MIDP/APDP Specialists Working Group),
 - The developments at the new airport by Hamish Erskine (Project Executive: Commercial, Dube Tradeport),
- Firms are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop, especially considering the opportunity to network with other firms on these issues.
- For further information please contact Sean Ellis (sean@bmanalysts.com).

Joint Supplier Auditing and Development (JSAD) Programme

- Two training sessions for this Group's suppliers are planned to take place in the first and second quarter of the year. The first session will focus on Continual Improvement. The date for this session has not yet been confirmed but will take place during May.
- Group 3 will be meeting on 2 February 2010. The purpose of these meetings will be to plan the various training sessions for this Group's suppliers.
- For more information please contact Tamryn Hartogh (tamryn@bmanalysts.com).

Retrenchment and Skills Pool Database

- DAC member companies are reminded of the skills pool and retrenchment database that is available.
- This database contains information regarding employees in the automotive industry that have been retrenched due to the current global economic crisis that is impacting severely on the automotive manufacturing industry.
- This initiative targets artisan, engineering and management skills as the need for skills will vary from one DAC member firm to the next.
- Member firms are encouraged to share the applicable information in order to grow the database and to use it when recruiting potential employees. For more information contact Jan Smuts (jan@bmanalysts.com).

DAC Resource Centre and News updates

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

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