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## DURBAN AUTOMOTIVE CLUSTER

DAC Newsletter: May 2009

### Feedback on Recent Activities & Improvements

#### DAC Annual General Meeting and Celebration Breakfast

The DAC Annual General Meeting and Celebration Breakfast took place on the 12th of May 2009, at the Hilton Hotel in Durban. The event was well attended by the local automotive industry, government representatives and press. Dr. Johan van Zyl from Toyota South Africa and Deputy Mayor Cllr. Logie Naidoo were speakers at the Breakfast. The following firms received recognition awards "For selfless contribution, commitment to industry development, and inspiring others towards this shared vision":

1. Aunde South Africa
2. BEHR South Africa
3. Federal-Mogul Powertrain Systems
4. Kaymac Structural Foam
5. Navago Machine Components
6. Ramsay Engineering
7. Smiths Manufacturing
8. Toyota South Africa



*Dr. Johan van Zyl, Toyota South Africa*

*Dr. Justin Barnes, Durban Automotive Cluster*

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Picture 1: Left – Cllr. Logie Naidoo, Right – Christo Roets, Aunde SA. Picture 2: Left – Cllr. Logie Naidoo, Right – Toni Acton, BEHR SA. Picture 3: Left – Cllr. Logie Naidoo, Right – Johnny Frankiskos, Federal-Mogul Powertrain Systems.



Picture 1: Left – Cllr. Logie Naidoo, Right – Nick Beaumont, Ramsay Engineering. Picture 2: Left Cllr. Logie Naidoo, Right – Kenneth Lello, Smiths Manufacturing. Picture 3: Left – Cllr. Logie Naidoo, Right – Nigel Ward, Toyota SA.

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Picture 1: Left – Cllr. Logie Naidoo, Right – Nad Govender, Navago Machine Components. Picture 2: Left – Zamo Xaba, Kaymac Structural Foam, Right – Alan Holmwood. Picture 3: Left – Zamo Xaba, Kaymac Structural Foam, Right – Douglas Comrie

### **HIV and AIDS Programme**

The second round of Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCTs) is underway and has been successfully completed at IJ Component Manufacturing and Preformed Line Products. The second Champions Forum for 2009 took place on 7 May 2009 at BEHR SA, in New Germany. Seelan Naicker from the eThekweni Health Unit gave a short, but very informative presentation on tuberculosis.

The workgroup meeting also took place on 7 May 2009 at BEHR SA. This meeting was attended by Lynne Hewison from Reality Testing. Participating DAC member firms had the opportunity to discuss and confirm the methodologies to be applied when the VCTs take place at their respective companies.

For more information please contact Jan Smuts on 031 765 3870 or at [jan@bmanalysts.com](mailto:jan@bmanalysts.com).

### **Remuneration and Retention Practises Survey**

This survey explores the remuneration and retention strategies applied by the various DAC member firms to retain scarce skills of twenty three automotive specific manufacturing related jobs. The survey is currently being completed by the participating member firms. The final report will be ready by the middle of June 2009. Results from the survey will only be shared with participating DAC member firms. 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.

### **Energy Workshop**

The joint Durban Automotive Cluster and Durban Chemicals Cluster Energy workshop was held on Wednesday, 20th May 2009 at Ramsay Engineering in Pietermaritzburg. Prashunt Lutchman, ESKOM's Distribution Key Customer Executive, presented on the progress to date of the Energy Conservation Scheme and shared with member firms the latest information

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pertaining to the increase in electricity tariffs. Nishan Sooknandan and Teboho Motshohi from the eThekweni Municipality, and uMsunduzi Municipality's Sewdutt Nagasar were also in attendance. The workshop was well attended, interactive and members benefited greatly! One of the comments from the workshop was, "Difficult topic – well handled!"



Picture 1: Back Row – Grant Elves (GUD Filters), Edward Daniels (Ramsay Engineering), Middle Row - David Brock (Electric-Sales/Ramsay Engineering), Norman Driescher (Kaymac Structural Foam), Front Row – Malcolm Byres (Ramsay Engineering), Sewdutt Nagasar (UMsunduzi Municipality)

Picture 2: Back Row – Malcolm Anderson (Ramsay Engineering), Front Row – Ridwaan Rakhman (Avlock International), John Bond (Hesto Harnesses)

### **Infrastructure Technical Steering Committee Meeting**

The Infrastructure Technical Steering Committee Meeting took place on 19 May 2009 at Smiths Manufacturing Customer Excellence Centre in New Germany. The session was informative, and a high a level of engagement took place.

### **Joint Supplier Auditing and Development**

The next training session for Group 2 will be on Quality Control Systems and will take place on 27 May 2009. The host firm is GUD Filters in Prospecton. For more information please contact Jan Smuts at 031 765 3870 or [jan@bmanalysts.com](mailto:jan@bmanalysts.com).

### **Skills Development Technical Steering Committee Meeting**

The Skills Development Technical Steering Committee Meeting is due to take place on 28 May 2009 at Federal-Mogul Powertrain Systems in Westmead.

## Confirmed Activities for June 2009

### **HIV & AIDS**

A meeting has been scheduled with Professor Tim Quinlan, the Research Director of the Health Economics and HIV & AIDS Research Division of the University of KwaZulu Natal, to secure additional support and collaboration for the DAC HIV and AIDS Programme.

The remaining VCTs will be finalised during June and July 2009. The Umsunduzi Municipality HIV and AIDS Unit will be presenting Peer Educator training over the periods 8-11 June 2009



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and 11-14 August 2009. For more information please contact Jan Smuts at 031 765 3870 or [jan@bmanalysts.com](mailto:jan@bmanalysts.com)

**Joint Supplier Auditing and Development**

The IMDS training session for Group 3 scheduled for 21 May 2009 at Pi Shurlok in Pietermaritzburg has been postponed to 18 June 2009. This training session will be a half day session focusing on the International Materials Data System (IMDS) and will briefly touch on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical Substances (REACH). Attendees will have the opportunity to upload their company details and one or two of their items/parts on the IMDS, guided by the facilitator of the session. For more information please contact Jan Smuts at 031 765 3870 or [jan@bmanalysts.com](mailto:jan@bmanalysts.com).

**DAC Executive Committee Meeting**

The next Executive Committee Meeting will take place on 23 June 2009, at Toyota South Africa.

**Planned but Unconfirmed Activities**

**HIV & AIDS**

The next workgroup meeting will be taking place after the VCTs have been finalised, date to be confirmed. A short TB Dots training session is currently being planned for 13 August 2009 at B & M Analysts offices, in Hillcrest. Confirmation and invitations for this training session will be finalised shortly. For more information please contact Jan Smuts at 031 765 3870 or [jan@bmanalysts.com](mailto:jan@bmanalysts.com).

**Joint Supplier Auditing and Development**

The next session for Group 1 is currently being planned. Details will be confirmed by the end of May 2009. For more information please contact Jan Smuts at 031 765 3870 or [jan@bmanalysts.com](mailto:jan@bmanalysts.com)

**DAC Resource Centre**

*For a full list of all the items currently in the Resource Centre please contact [dac@bmanalysts.com](mailto:dac@bmanalysts.com)*