

November 2009 Newsletter

Feedback on Recent Activities

Energy Efficiency Network: Climate Change Mitigation Workshop

- The DAC held a workshop entitled, "Climate Change Mitigation in the Automotive Industry" on 5 November 2009 at Toyota South Africa's Communication Centre.
- The workshop included a presentation by Riaan Olivier and Arden Wessels on the actions that Toyota SA has taken to contribute towards climate change mitigation.
- Presentations were also undertaken by Russell Curtis (CEO, DIPA) and Derek Morgan (UNIDO) on the Durban Industry Climate Change Partnership Project.
- The attendance at the session was satisfactory and a number of firms pledged their commitment to climate change mitigation within their respective operations.
- For further information please contact Aurelia Govender (aurelia@bmanalysts.com).

HIV/AIDS Programme

- The last Champions Forum for 2009 took place on 20 November 2009 at Behr SA in New Germany. The participating companies that attended the Champions Forum challenged each other to see who would collect the most toys, food, clothing, etc. These items will be distributed to an institution that assists and deals with HIV and AIDS orphans. It was also decided that, due to the location of the participating companies, two institutions (one in the Durban area and one in the Pietermaritzburg area) will be visited by the Champions in 2010. The first visit is currently being planned for January 2010.
- The Champions Forum will take place on the second Friday of every second month during 2010.
- The following additional DAC member companies have joined the Programme and attended the Management Capacity Building that was hosted by Federal-Mogul Powertrain Systems on 18 November 2009:
 1. PFK Electronics
 2. Feltex Automotive
 3. Webroy
 4. Pfisterer
 5. Federal Mogul Friction Products
 6. Federal Mogul Powertrain Systems
 7. Toyota Tsusho South Africa
- This brings the total number of DAC member participants to 15.
- A second round of Management Capacity Building will take place in early February 2010, followed by the Steering Committee, Champion and Peer Educator training.
- Recruitment for additional DAC member firms to join this Programme is continuing. DAC members that are interested to join this comprehensive treatment and care programme can contact the DAC for more information at 031 765 3870 or jan@bmanalysts.com.

Energy Stakeholder Workshop

- The DAC held its final Energy Stakeholder Workshop for 2009 on 24 November 2009.
- During the session firms were introduced to Eskom's Multi Year Price Determination Model and Demand Market Participation Programme. Prashunt Lutchman (Eskom) was the presenter and the session was both well attended and informative.
- For further information please contact Aurelia Govender (aurelia@bmanalysts.com).



Joint Supplier Auditing and Development (JSAD) Programme

- Smiths Manufacturing hosted an "Introduction to the Basic Tenets of World Class Manufacturing" workshop on 12 November 2009. The presenters at this session were Sean Ellis (DAC) and Luke Jevon (Technical Training Manager, Smiths Manufacturing). The workshop was attended by 14 industry representative from 13 2nd tier automotive suppliers.
- Aunde SA also hosted an "Introduction to the Basic Tenets of World Class Manufacturing" workshop on 27 November 2009 which was presented by Sean Ellis (DAC). There were 15 industry representatives.
- For more information please contact Jan Smuts (jan@bmanalysts.com).

Retrenchment and Skills Pool Database

- DAC member companies are reminded of the skills pool and retrenchment database that is available at the DAC. 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.
- The database currently has 85 retrenchment entries and 150 learnership entries.
- DAC 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 at 031 765 3870 or (jan@bmanalysts.com).

DAC Website:

- For information pertaining to the activities and objectives of the Durban Automotive Cluster, please visit our website at www.dbnautocluster.org.za.

Confirmed and Unconfirmed activities for December

SME Development Week

- The DAC, in partnership with Trade and Investment KwaZulu-Natal (TIKZN) is hosting an Automotive Business Retention and Development Week for black-owned SMEs in KwaZulu-Natal.
- This first programme is being held in Pietermaritzburg from 30 November to 4 December 2009 at the Chamber House, Royal Showgrounds.
- The programme aims to equip SMEs with the necessary skills and knowledge base to operate in a globally competitive environment
- Please contact Aurelia Govender for more information (aurelia@bmanalysts.com).

Energy Efficiency Network – Climate Change

- The first Durban Industry Climate Change Partnership Project session will be held jointly with the DCC on 3 December 2009.
- The session will comprise of training on Green House Gas assessment and recording and will be presented by Derek Morgan (UNIDO).
- For more information please contact Aurelia Govender (Aurelia@bmanalysts.com).

Graduate Development Programme:

- The development of the Process Engineering and Industrialisation elective modules will start in January 2009 at a meeting where participating companies will be able to provide their guidelines and inputs.
- Recruitment of additional DAC member firms to join this skills development programme is continuing. For more information please contact Jan Smuts at 031 765 3870 or jan@bmanalysts.com.

Joint Supplier Auditing and Development (JSAD) Programme

- The Lean Manufacturing workshop that was to be hosted by Federal Mogul Powertrain Systems for Group 3 has been postponed to early 2010. The presenter at this session will be Bruce Mills (Federal-Mogul Friction Products). Invitations will be sent to the 2nd tier suppliers in January 2010
- For any enquiries regarding the Joint Supplier Auditing and Development Programme or any of the above sessions, please contact Jan Smuts at 031 765 3870 or jan@bmanalysts.com.

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