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Manufacturing SETA (MerSETA) to award certificates to 192 learners at Pasdec Automotive (Pty) Ltd at Brits (North West)

For immediate release,

The number of companies producing learnership graduates is increasing by the day. Just a week after awarding NQF level one certificates to 300 learners in the Automotive sector Employment and Skills Development Lead Employer (ESDLE), with at least 20% being absorbed into full time employment, the MerSETA will be awarding 192 more certificates to learners at Pasdec Automotive Technologies at Brits in the North-West. The event will be attended by the Mayor of Modibeng Municipality and representatives from the North-West Premier's office on Friday (11 August 2006).

The training of the 192 learners has been a joint venture between the Pasdec and the MerSETA. "The programme was streamlined through the support given by MerSETA and the grants received" says Charles Bodenstein, HR Manager for Pasdec Automotive Technologies. The learners will be awarded National Certificate in Automotive Component Manufacturing and Assembly processes - NQF LEVEL 2.

"This venture that we embarked on with the support of MerSeta and the commitments from the employees have made this journey one which made us very proud of and that this investment was to secure the manufacturing of quality products and to be one step ahead of our competitors" says Bodenstein.

The company has absorbed 57 unemployed learners, it recruited last year, into full time employment. This is in line with MerSETA's vision of creating economic and employment growth in the sector. The training of the learners has been informed by the scarce and critical skills

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identified in the manufacturing and engineering sector. This programme has been a clear indication of MerSETA and Pasdec's commitment to the government's joint initiative on priority skills acquisition (Jipsa).

The primary benefit of the programme is that the company managed to cultivate a culture within the organisation of continuous improvement through intellectual enrichment and for the employees it also created an opportunity to enhance their skills by obtaining a national qualification.

(The media is invited)

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