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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Attention: News Editors/ Manufacturing and Engineering Reporters

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The Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (merSETA) invites relevant stakeholders to apply for discretionary grants for the 2023/24 financial year (1st Funding Window).

The first funding window aims to invite applications to address national and sector needs for initiatives such as skills development programmes through partnerships with levy-paying and non-levy-paying employers/companies to address Occupations in Demand PIVOTAL List/occupational shortages/skills gaps as identified in the merSETA Sector Skills Plan (SSP), Annual Performance Plan, skills development programmes for Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan (ERRP) skills and occupations as identified in the Annual Performance Plan, candidacy programmes for engineering graduates registered to acquire professional registration, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Higher Education Institution (HEI) Work Integrated Learning (WIL) programmes to facilitate/support TVET and HEI students acquire national qualifications.

Other initiatives include cooperative enterprise development programmes for both (manufacturing, engineering, and related services) mer occupations in demand and supporting business/organisation develop skills, skills development for trade union membership, development of Black leadership and management skills/capacity, with particular emphasis on females within the merSETA industries, skills development for Black Industrialists contributing to growth, investment, exports and employment, retrenchment assistance programmes for workers retrenched from merSETA companies, skills development for township and rural small and micro enterprises offering mer services and products, green skills development programmes for mer sector, entrepreneurship training for youth to support self-employment within merSETA sector industries.

The first funding window will also consider applications to address national and sector needs for initiatives such as skills development programmes for people with disability for occupations in demand and skills gaps as identified in the merSETA Sector Skills Plan (SSP) and Annual Performance Plan (APP), Community Education and Training (CET) and TVET Colleges Lecturers exposed to the industry through skills programmes, CET and TVET College funded for merSETA occupational programmes, equipment and workshop infrastructure, bursaries for employed and unemployed learners entering, continuing and completing studies, programme/ qualification development projects for transforming/emerging/new occupations in demand, programmes in advancing community sustainably, addressing social issues, and adhering to merSETA's values and strategic objectives, merSETA Chamber initiated research or innovation projects, TVET Research and innovation for engineering related domains.

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