



Welcome Message from the MD

February marks the end of the 2019-2020 financial year and it has indeed been an exciting and fruitful journey. We have enjoyed tremendous support from our various stakeholders, and we seek to continue to uphold these integral partnerships in carrying forth our mandate.

Much detail will be available in our annual report which will provide more insight on the achievements of the year that was and, most importantly, the plans that we have in place to ensure that we continue to add value to the maritime industry.

Our programme implementation continues to be the corner stone of our existence, and the driving force of EMC operations. Our Enterprise Supplier Development Programme has made immense progress in facilitating links, between emerging businesses within the maritime industry and major industry players. This is something we are proud of as the success of SMEs within the maritime space is a major priority to us.

As the creation of new jobs continues to be a collective concern for us as a country, we understand that our organisation has a role to play in improving the chances, especially of young people to be employable. The programme that speaks directly to the development of young people into invaluable professionals within the maritime space is our graduate placement programme.

Through this programme we ensure that our graduates, obtain the necessary industry skills required for them to develop into seasoned and highly sought-after professionals. Currently, we have placed three interns across the following departments within EMC: administration, finance and communications. At SA Cargo Services, we have placed 2 graduates in the logistics department, 1 in human resources and 1 in the finance department. A further 2 interns were placed in Bosch Holdings' human resource and finance departments, while Isiqu Accountants host one graduate.

As the age-old African proverb says: 'It takes a village to raise a child', I am certainly grateful for the cooperation and support that we have received from the abovementioned stakeholders, for the role they continue to play in ensuring that we achieve the common objective of equipping our young people with professional and relevant skills.

Zenzile Gwamanda | Managing Director EThekweni Maritime Cluster|



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Classroom on the Quayside: Lamontville Learners Visit the Dormac's Dry Dock



Above: Learners from Lamontville High School got to enjoy learning on the quayside of Durban's port when they visited the Dormac dry dock in February.

In February Linsen Nambi and SAMSA collaborated on an initiative to expose local students to the ship repair industry and give them an opportunity to board a vessel to expose them to the workings of the maritime industry, at the Dormac Engineering site (Dormac's dry dock).

SAMSA identified a number of high performing schools in the area of Umlazi and, Lamontville High School learners were among those that got an opportunity to see a dry docking of a vessel take place.

Linsen Nambi Bunkering Service view the tour as a form of mentorship which is a critical initiative in youth development programs. Linsen Nambi Bunker Services believes that corporates need to shoulder more of the burden of job creation, particularly youth employment.

"Our strategy is to start the development from the grass-root level to get young people who grow up and live near the ocean to realise that the sea is a vast resource, providing a number of economic opportunities. In order for the next generation of seafarers and maritime professionals to rise up in our country, the youth need the exposure. Being a company that is known as a market disruptor we need to accept that the onus is on us to bring others along with us on the journey," said Eppi Tshibi, HR Administrator at Linsen Namba Bunker Service.

Linsen Nambi Bunker Services spends millions in supporting the maritime industry particularly in KZN, the company views this is an opportunity to reach the youth of South Africa who are a key focus of its developmental targets.

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The logo features a stylized wave icon to the left of the word 'DORMAC' in a large, bold, green serif font. Below 'DORMAC' is the text 'MARINE & ENGINEERING' in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The background of the logo area shows a wide-angle view of a port or industrial facility with various structures and ships.

KZN Maritime Educators' Meet at Annual Content and Planning Workshop



Above: Teachers from the various KZN high schools offering maritime economics met earlier in the year for their yearly content workshop and year planning meeting. The workshop was a partnership by the Department of Basic Education, Durban University of Technology and EMC.

Workshops being a common practice as a tool for education professionals in higher and basic education to hone their craft, EThekwini Maritime Cluster in partnership with the Durban University of Technology began the year with the Annual KZN Maritime Teachers' Workshop that was held in January at the Durban Teachers Training Centre, Dolkies.

The workshop was attended by 30 teachers from various secondary schools in KwaZulu Natal, who teach maritime economics. This workshop ensures that teachers benefit from a practical and theoretical learning experience and all 30 educators were excited to be part of this empowering session.

This teacher capacitation programme started in 2015, after EMC identified a need for such an intervention upon many of its stakeholder engagements with the Department of Education. The programme is based on the maritime economics curriculum and focuses on grade 10, 11, and 12 topics to be taught from term 1 to term 4.

Mqhawe High School's, Tsepo Masikane, who has been attending the workshops from 2015, said: "All in all this has been very helpful to us educators especially those who did not study maritime studies in college. We are very grateful to have institutions like EThekwini Maritime Cluster, we need more and more workshops of this nature."

"This programme has assisted us a lot as teachers. EMC has helped us in numerous ways by conducting these workshops they make sure we get exposure and assist us in all the challenging topics. Since we started partnering with EMC, we've seen an improvement in our results," said Samkele Mlambo, a maritime economics teacher at Mowat Park High and chairperson of the KZN Maritime Educators Cluster.

EMC, managing director, Zenzile Makelo acknowledged the support received by EMC in recent years from the University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban University of Technology, Transnet Maritime School of Excellence, KZN Sharks Board, uShaka Marine World and Grindrod, to name but a few, in making this initiative a continued success.

Sail Africa Host Mowat Park High at its Maritime Awareness Day

On Thursday, 20 February 2020 Grade 10 maritime economics learners from Mowat Park Girls High School attended a Maritime Awareness Day as part of the Inter Schools Regatta Competition Month organised and hosted by Sail Africa.

Through the course of the day, 94 learners were taken on a tour of the Port Natal Maritime Museum, and learned about the role of the Mangroves, plastic and litter pollution. Learners also engaged in a clean-up of the Durban harbour "Festival Island" alongside the Sari Maree Jetty, and also a brief sail and knot-tying tutorial at Sail Africa.

The event continued on the following day where 42 Grade 9 learners came down to have a Maritime Awareness Day and were hosted firstly by Sail Africa where they had a taste of sailing, and learned how the Durban Harbour operated. They then went on a visit to the NSRI where they learned about maritime water safety and the wonderful work of that organisation.

Mowat Park Girls High school teacher, Samkele Mlambo said: "I wish I had been using Sail Africa for all my excursions over the years, it was fun, interesting and the girls learned a great deal yet for me there was no stress and the girls were well looked after and everything was pre-arranged by Sail Africa."



Pictured left: Mowat Girls at the Durban Maritime Museum with Sail Africa CEO Jacqueline de Fin (far left).



Pictured left: Ready to sail! Mowat Park Girls High School' future sailors on their way to a brief sailing session .



Pictured left: The girls had an opportunity to learn about the importance of mangroves in reducing coastal erosion and helped clean around the Festival Island.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Message About Upcoming Events

If you have any maritime related news or events that you would like published on this newsletter or our website please contact:

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- ◇ Maritime Careers Fair | 21 –23 May 2020| ICC Durban
- ◇ World Maritime Day Parallel Event| 28 October 2020| ICC Durban

MSC Cruises bringing two new ships for 2020 season visit www.msccruises.co.za



The eThekwini Maritime Cluster (EMC) is a non-profit company that was launched in 2009. The EMC provides a platform for collaborative engagement between different levels of government, state owned enterprises and the maritime community to implement programs of common interest that support the growth and improve performance and competitiveness of the maritime industry.

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