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The Manufacturing Circle Quarterly Communication provides a status update on activities conducted to achieve our objectives for the calendar year according to demand side interventions, supply side measures and structural fixes

Q2 ACTIVITIES

DEMAND SIDE INTERVENTIONS

EXPORTS

- **MC Q1 Trade Survey** [\[link\]](#) results presented according to export status (target markets, percentage of production, growth prospects and products), import status (source markets, imports as a percentage of inputs and products), and trade related challenges.
- **Nedlac Trade Discussions Status Update Reports** circulated for 5 May [\[link\]](#) and 24 June [\[link\]](#). Discussions take place within Nedlac's Trade and Industry Chamber (TIC) and the Technical Sectoral Liaison Committee (Teselico). The Manufacturing Circle holds a seat on both

Save the Date

MC Export Forum, October 2020

Industry briefing session: 16 August, 10h00-11h30

STEEL

- The Steel Masterplan Local Demand Implementation Team is chaired by the MC and is structured to identify project opportunities across:
 - o Infrastructure
 - o Renewable energy
 - o Engineered products
 - o Mining equipment
 - o Rail

Current Activities

Renewable Energy Products and Expertise Showcase, 19 July

MC participation to better understand local manufacturing opportunities for renewable energy projects (wind and solar PV) in South Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa

Eskom Transmission Infrastructure industry session, 28 July

MC facilitation of industry-led engagement with Eskom to present local manufacture capabilities and capacities across line construction, transformers, insulators and conductors, and steel

LOCALISATION

Medical Manufacturing Roundtable, 2 June [\[link\]](#) facilitated by the Manufacturing Circle, in collaboration with the Medical Device Manufacturers of SA (MDMSA) and Business Unity South Africa (BUSA); hosted at Webber Wentzel's offices in Sandton

Unfair Game [\[link\]](#) a documentary series aimed at shining a light on the struggles South African manufacturers face on a daily basis. The first episode focuses on the impact on counterfeit goods on the local manufacturing industry

SUPPLY SIDE MEASURES

ELECTRICITY

Electricity Forum – What Next? - 29 June

Municipality electricity infrastructure workshop conducted with a number of key stakeholders to proactively drive:

- Municipal public private partnerships
- Organising local business to engage effectively on the ground with local authorities
- Collaboration with Salga
- Steps needed to achieve workable wheeling protocols
- Securing funding for a meaningful cost-of-energy study

STRUCTURAL FIXES

MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Currently mobilising pilot projects in the City of Ekurhuleni and Emfuleni Local Municipality to address electrical infrastructure challenges

POLICY

Draft Preferential Procurement Regulations (2022)

MC submitted comments to National Treasury in April noting concerns that there is no mention of local content. These comments are being taken into consideration in preparation for the final regulations

Constitutional Court Judgment Regarding Preferential Procurement Regulations (2017)

National Treasury issued a statement on 30 May noting the Constitutional Court confirmed the suspension of the declaration of the order of invalidity of the 2017 Regulations is still valid until 15 February 2023. This means that the 2017 Regulations in their entirety are still valid and that all exemptions granted to deal with the period of uncertainty following the court's judgement of 16 February 2022 lapse

NEW MEMBERS

MC welcomes new members

- Safripol
- Nemai Consulting



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