



# MANUFACTURING CIRCLE

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Thank you for your ongoing participation and support in promoting the interests of our sector.

Throughout 2024 we continued to advocate for our members and drove initiatives to prioritise our manufacturing needs.

**Our Strategic Project focus areas across Municipalities, Energy and Exports achieved the following:**



## ENERGY

Finalised the industry position paper unlocking local capacity for grid expansion to motivate the need for new thinking regarding state procurement. This new discourse centres on a strategic procurement approach, rather than an administrative procurement approach which is currently the case.



## MUNICIPALITIES

Established a pilot project in the City of Ekurhuleni to address poor municipal service delivery across electricity and water. This work will continue in the new year to further an active partnering model between industry and the municipality.



## EXPORTS

Initiated the CBAM Industry Working Group based on the assumption that the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism is here to stay but there is room to negotiate better terms for SA industry, and it is therefore critical to prepare and align.

In October our EXCO was welcomed for the next two year term:

### Chair and deputy chair:



Mervyn Naidoo (Chairperson)  
Group CEO: Actom



Penwell Lunga (Deputy Chairperson)  
Executive: Corporate Affairs  
Kap Industrial Holdings

### Co-opted committee members:



Eduardo Werninghaus  
CEO: WEG Africa



Fikile Holomisa  
Executive: Sustainability  
Ardagh Glass Packaging South Africa

### Committee members:



Franck Wandji  
Executive: Group Marketing  
ArcelorMittal South Africa



Lwazi Goqwana  
CEO: Infrastructure Specialist  
Group (ISG)



Haroon Kalla  
Director: Amka Products



Stravros Nicolaou  
Senior Executive: Strategic Trade  
Aspen Pharmacare



Natasha Ramkirpal  
Group Lead : Water Security & Optimisation  
Coca-Cola Beverages Africa (CCBA)



Nicolette Skjoldhammer  
Managing Director :  
Betteirect

To date we have initiated introductory engagements with DTIC Minister Tau, Rudi Dicks, Head: Project Management Office of the Presidency, and Electricity and Energy DM Graham-Maré.

**We stand ready for the work that lies ahead to champion our three goals to grow manufacturing**

**GOAL 1** Advocate for a competitive manufacturing environment

**GOAL 2** Attain a pro-active international trade position

**GOAL 3** Advance the reputation of South African manufactured products

Wishing all a restful end of year, and looking forward to engaging further in 2025 to achieve these goals. For economic growth. For job creation. For the sake of a better life for all South Africans.