

UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS MADE ON MERSETA AND DBE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

PROVINCE	SCHOOL	TRADE	PROGRESS	TARGET DATE	COMMENT	RISK IMPLICATION
Northern Cape	Emmang Mmogo		Meeting held with parents and the learners Artisan appointed Workplaces have been identified Merseta has forwarded the learner contract forms to be signed by the learners. Merseta is waiting for the account number of school for the first amount to be deposited as soon as all paper work has been finalised.	To be decided	A follow meeting to be held urgently with the school and MerSETA to address the issue of the date	The delay runs the risk of the workplace managers doubting the capacity of the school in running the project and thus jeopardise the placing of learners in the workplace
	Badiredi	Diesel and Welding	The school failed to honour a meeting that was arranged with stakeholders, learners and MerSETA. A further meeting has been set and a date still to be confirmed. DBE has consulted the school and the schools indicated that, they are ready to start. The principal was worried about the workplace for the learners after completion of Trade Theory. As a result the principal has held a number of meetings with a number of companies requesting those companies, to grant the learners Merseta has submitted the learner contract forms to the school for the learners to complete and submit. Merseta is waiting for the school account to deposit a portion of the amount as soon as all paper work has been completed.	To be decided	A follow meeting to be held urgently with the school and MerSETA to address the issue of the date. A telephonic discussion was held with the MerSETA regional manager on the state of affair, the manager promised to contact the school to address the concerns.	The capacity to manage the project seem to be questionable. A project plan should urgently be developed together with the school, less the project dies before it is started
Eastern Cape	Isikhoba Nombewu	Electrical	A Steering committee has been constituted by the schools. The first meeting was held in December 2016. The second meeting was held on the 24 February 2017. An artisan interviewed and recommended	13 March 2017	The school is involving the community in the management of the project. The fact that the chief, the councillor and other important community members have been persuaded to be part of the Steering	The project could be used as a springboard for other project. The fact that the area does not have a TVET college , the performance of this project could be used a motivation to consider establishing one

			The learners will be notified on the starting date Energy SETA will be approached to consider appointing some of the learners to their preferred workplace that offers Electrical		committee is a demonstration of how serious is the community about the project	
Kwa – Zulu Natal	Justice Nxumalo	Motor Mechanic	Not much progressed has been made. MerSETA and the school struggled to communicate The list of learners not submitted as yet. The principal has indicated that he is struggling with securing the quotation for the workshops materials and DBE requested that MerSETA should intervene immediately	No date has been set as yet	This is a red flag. MerSETA and the school seem to be experiencing problems of communication. The in experience of the school in having to manage such a huge project seem to be overwhelming. MerSETA could use the situation to demonstrate their knowledge by sharing their skills with the school. A meeting has been set for the 10 March 2017. The meeting is expected to be attended by learners and other stakeholders.	There should be urgent intervention by DBE, should a need arise the matter could be escalated to the office of the DDG curriculum in the province. The school is situated in a semi – rural area this project has a potential to provide a huge economic relief to the community.
Western Cape	Bellville Technical School	Welding	Not much progressed has been made. At first the province submitted the name of the school and only to discover that the school was not a Technical school. The replacement of the school took some time from the province until the intervention of Dr Bronkhorst who submitted Bellville as the option, Secondly it seems as if THE new SG was unaware of the project and he had to be brought on board. The school has approved the names of six learners who qualify for the program and waiting for more names to be submitted from other schools A meeting has been scheduled between the 23 and 29 March 2017.	No date has been agreed upon as yet	The DBE will have to arrange an urgent meeting with WC Department of Education, the school and MerSETA this will assist in dealing with the stumbling blocks.	This is a sensitive matter given the fact that the SG was also not aware of the project. The issue of communication might be brought to the fore and this might not auger well with the highest structures of the system should the matter be raised.
Mpumalanga	Hazyview Comprehensive	Welding	The school has started with the project. The implementation started on the 17 February 2017 The school is using White River Technical High as its training whiles finalising the workshop at the school.	13 February 2017	A meeting will be held with the school, MerSETA, Sasol and DBE the date is still to be confirmed.	The finalisation of the workshop in the school needs to be speeded up. The use of different workshop could have financial implications to the project. However the initiative from the principal should be commended

			<p>Sasol has committed to help the school with PPE. The workshop is being renovated. The learners will be transported until the end of this month at a cost of R13200. This money will be sourced from Merseta funds.</p> <p>A meeting has been set for the 9 March 2017 to finalise all logistics and meet with all the stakeholders.</p>			
Limpopo	Pax Technical High	Electrical	<p>Limpopo Department of education is trying to put systems for the project to be implemented</p> <p>The school has submitted everything to merseta to process. The problem is apparently a misunderstanding between registration in the treasurer and the school.</p>	The school is ready to implement any time from now.	<p>The letters that were forwarded to MEC and HOD have been resubmitted to the province. Apparently the offices of the MEC and HOD seem not to have been sufficiently briefed on the project. The new MST director and Mr Muelelwa are now taking escalating the matter to these two offices to seek fresh mandate.</p>	The fact that the province s highest office is not aware of the project it could have been difficult for the project to be supported
Free State	Barnard Molokoane Technical	Mechanical and Electrical	<p>Artisans appointed for Mechanical and Electrical</p> <p>Parents, SGB and learners to inform them about the project</p> <p>Sasol is added as another stakeholder to support the project so far no concrete agreement has been reached with Sasol except verbal commitment</p> <p>Sasol will offer PPE to all learners</p> <p>Sasol is considering offering bursaries to the learners who wish to pursue teaching after completion of the course</p> <p>The school together with the Department is considering the launch of the project</p>	1 April 2017		<p>The buy in by Sasol will assist the school to consider expanding the intake of learners in future</p> <p>The model used by the school could be replicated in other provinces</p> <p>The issue of the proposed project launch as proposed by the province should be seriously considered because a launch cannot only be done in one province.</p> <p>More companies and SETAs could be roped in to participate in the project to expand learner intake</p>
Gauteng	Soshanguve Technical	Mechanical	<p>MerSETA to assist with the advert for the recruitment of artisans as committed in the held at the school with MerSETA present.</p> <p>Merseta was also assigned to assist with the facilitation and processing of the</p>	6 march 2017	<p>Upon follow with Mr Malatjie the CLO for MerSETA he has as yet not contacted the school, Mr Malatjie has not referred the artisan to the school</p>	<p>The project runs a risk of starting late.</p> <p>The number of learners could be reduced because of disgruntled</p>

			<p>required documents and time frames were agreed upon.</p> <p>Learners identified and notified on the starting date</p> <p>All documents are ready MerSETA has committed to collect all documentation for processing</p>			
North West	Tlhabane Technical High	Welding	<p>A meeting was held between DBE, the school, learners and MerSETA. In the meeting it was agreed that MerSETA will assist the school in the processing and finalisation of documents. Upon making a follow up DBE discovered that MerSETA has not delivered as expected. A telephone discussion was held together with Mr Malatje to sensitise him about the urgency of the matter. In our discussions he committed to address the issues as a matter of urgency.</p>	6 March 2017		