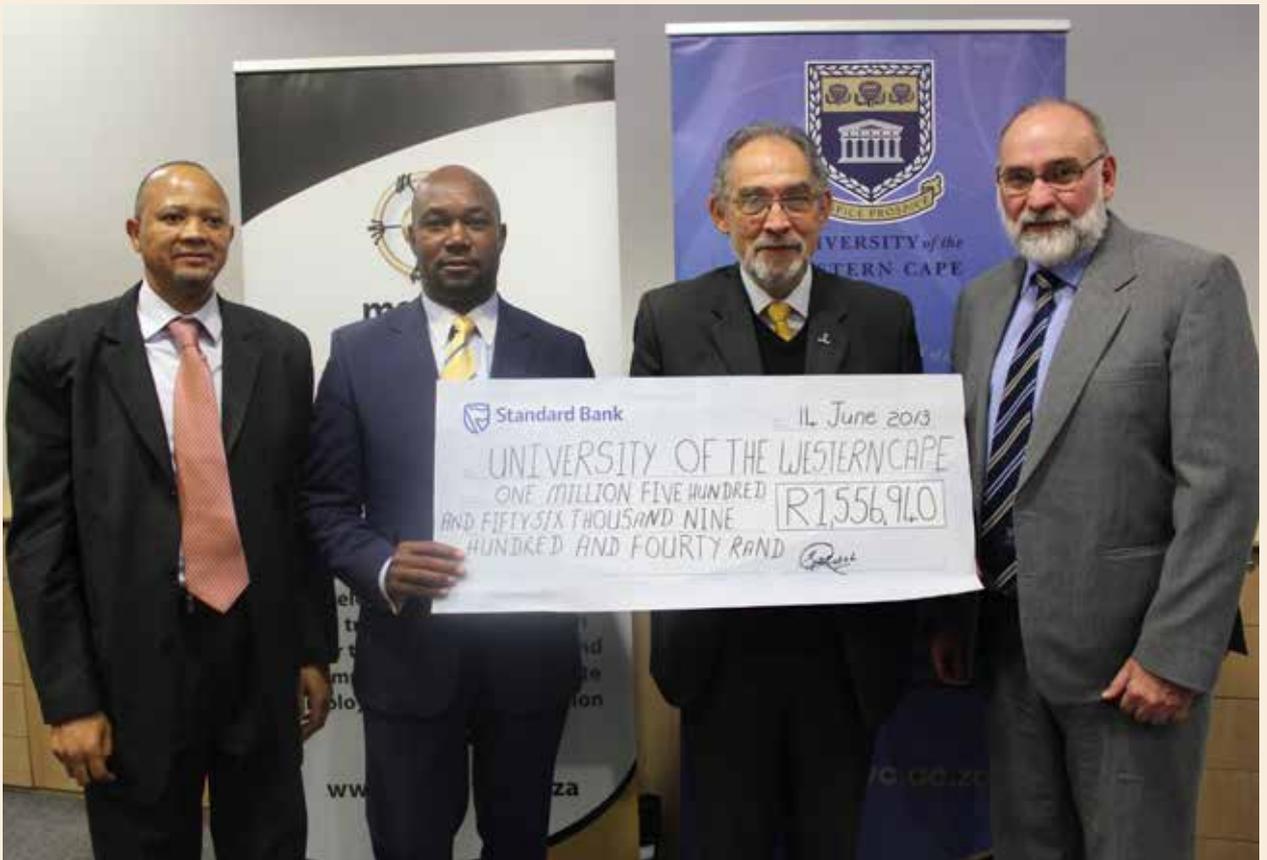




HIGHLIGHTS OF THE merSETA SKILLS DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTIONS

- The merSETA remains the leading SETA driving the Training Layoff Scheme (TLS) with 10 member companies actively participating in it, benefiting a total of 4 349 workers.
- Through the merSETA's Accelerated Artisan Training Programme, which is in response to the Joint Initiative on Priority Skills Acquisition, Murray & Roberts has trained hundreds of apprentices. A total of 422 learners are currently in the system. The aim is to have 650 learners on the programme at a time.
- The Science, Engineering and Technology Programme has had 100% pass rate in all both grades 11 and 12. In grade 12 it achieved 115 distinctions. At the same time more than 83% of learners achieved university entrance and 55% university of technology entrance.
- In partnership with the merSETA, Volkswagen South Africa continues to make a meaningful contribution to the lives of young adults living with disabilities. The first learnership in end-user computing was launched in 2008 with an enrolment of 60 people with disabilities. It has since grown significantly .
- More than 300 learners were registered for the Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Project last year. Of these, 296 passed and 106 received distinctions. A total of 50 educators received their certificates and 10 learners each obtained bursaries





worth R20 000 funded by the merSETA to pursue a career in the manufacturing and engineering fields.

- Fifteen learners with disabilities received the National Certificate (GETC) in Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Activities NQF Level 1; while 15 UD trucks staff graduated from a General Education and Training Course in Business Practice, NQF Level 1 through the merSETA.
- The relationship between the merSETA, Mercedes-Benz South Africa and St Anthony's Education Centre is starting to bear fruit. At a graduation ceremony in Reiger Park, Boksburg, 12 learners graduated from an Automotive Repair and Maintenance learnership.
- Pasdec has always recognised the merSETA as an important partner in achieving the company's vision. The relationship commenced in 2004 and over the years both organisations have jointly conducted several fruitful interventions.
- An agreement signed by the merSETA and the Namibian Training Authority has been hailed as a catalyst in advancing skills development. The

Memorandum of Understanding was aimed at developing programmes and the sharing of best practices in assessment, certification and quality assurance in the manufacturing, engineering and related services sector in both countries in both countries.

- Ford South Africa's relationship with the merSETA started in 2001 when they ran their first learnership programme in fitting and machining and later the mechatronics learnership. The merSETA was instrumental in guiding and assisting Ford SA with that learnership.
- Samsung Electronics South Africa, in partnership with the merSETA and the City of Tshwane, launched an electronics, refrigeration and air-conditioning academy at the Temba campus of the Tshwane North TVET College in Pretoria. The academy provides students with technical training and equips them with the necessary skills, new career paths and entrepreneurial opportunities. Students are trained at no cost. The learners' funding are at the discretion of the merSETA based on the availability of funds.



- Twelve learners from Barloworld Equipment SA graduated from an Adult Basic Education and Training (ABET) course through the intervention of the company and the (merSETA).
- In a ground-breaking move, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University signed a multi-million rand agreement with the merSETA for skills upgrading in the Eastern Cape in 2015.
- Mercedes Benz South Africa and the Eastern Cape Department of Education launched a pilot project to upgrade skills in the crucial after-sales maintenance sector to boost the number of qualified mechanics, mechatronics, autotronics and auto electricians.
- The partnership between the merSETA and Sheetch SA resulted in the latter funding a workshop to be used for training purposes. The workshop contains all the necessary equipment and machinery for learners to participate in welding and fabrication programmes.
- The partnership between the merSETA and Stanmar Motors resulted in 26 learners passing their National Certificate in Automotive Repair and Maintenance NQF Level 2, 10 learners receiving their National Certificate in Automotive Repair and Maintenance NQF Level 3 and 14 others receiving their Education and Training in Automotive Repair and Maintenance NQF Level 4.
- The partnership between the Department of Labour, the merSETA, the Unemployment Insurance Fund and the Gauteng Provincial Government reached a milestone when 32 learners graduated from a joint skills development course.
- The launch of a career guidance partnership between the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) and the merSETA was hailed as a significant milestone, bearing testimony to what could be achieved when two public institutions worked together.
- The merSETA and the Eastern Cape Provincial Government launched a three-year multimillion-rand project aimed at training thousands of artisans in the Eastern Cape.
- The (merSETA and the University of the Western Cape have forged an alliance in support of teachers enrolled in mathematics and science programmes related to engineering.
- In an onslaught on poverty, inequality and unemployment, the Department of Public Works and the merSETA launched a R43-million five-year joint initiative called the National Expanded Public Works Programme's Artisan Development Programme in Witbank, Mpumalanga, to provide the youth with skills in the manufacturing and engineering sector.
- More than 60 students received an internationally recognised ABC Awards qualification at the Maluti Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) College in Phuthaditjhaba in the Free State .
- The rare achievement followed their participation in an international programme co-funded by the merSETA and the British Council and run by Maluti TVET College in collaboration with the New Stamford College in the United Kingdom.