

## ArcelorMittal South Africa awards engineering bursaries to five meritorious learners

Pat Kheswa

After 12 years of hard work and determination Moeketsi Mokoena, Sanele Buthelezi, Mpho Tsotetsi, Eric Mphohoni and Lungani Busuki's dreams came true when ArcelorMittal South Africa awarded them bursaries to study Engineering in their chosen universities.

A brief orientation was held on 22 January 2013. Themba Nkosi, General Manager, Corporate Affairs expressed his respect for the students for their dedication and hard work. "Most of you here today, may have immense challenges where you came from, but having the right attitude and mind-set brought you here to ArcelorMittal today." The students are being contracted for a four year bursary and Themba emphasised that it is crucial for all of them to work as hard as they can to complete their qualifications in time. "We hope the association between you and ArcelorMittal South Africa will be a very fruitful one, enabling you to go through university and plough back your positive knowledge and attitude within the ArcelorMittal Group." Themba concluded by wishing each of the students the very best with their studies.



*Themba Nkosi (General Manager, Corporate Affairs), Themba Hlengani (Manager, Corporate Communications), Charlotte Mthimkulu (Resourcing Officer, Training & Resourcing), , Moeketsi Mokoena, Sanele Buthelezi, Mpho Tsotetsi, Eric Mphohoni and Lungani Busuki, Maggie Mopedi (Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility and External Relations) and Terrence Harrison (Group Manager Talent, Learning & Development and Resourcing)*

The students were also addressed by Terrence Harrison, Group Manager Talent, Learning & Development and Resourcing, ArcelorMittal South Africa who also motivated them and reiterated the importance of hard work and determination. "Engineering is a quite challenging, but also a very rewarding environment. One needs to really place an extra effort into managing and channelling time effectively throughout ones studies. Falling behind is no option. We encourage all learners to inform the Company instantly if you are challenged with academic problems and issues.

The Company assists the students throughout their studies by providing them with a list of fellow students previously sponsored by ArcelorMittal. During the first year, ArcelorMittal sponsored students are provided with a link to seek help from a second year ArcelorMittal sponsored students who has experienced and successfully completed his first year within the

same institution. A number of ArcelorMittal candidate engineers who have successfully completed their studies within the engineering discipline are also available to assist students.



*Mpho Tsotetsi*

In an interview with one of the bursary holders, Mpho Tsotetsi - who attained six distinctions in her matric examination, she emphasised that being a bursary holder is quite simple, "One just needs to work hard". Mpho encourages all learners to have faith and to believe in themselves. "Nothing is impossible, hard work pays off", she concludes.

Eric Mphohoni who attained eight distinctions added: "We all want to be successful. The only time you can say you have done well is if you have done better than the previous person." Eric believes that learners should not think about being successful for the moment. He encourages them to rather think about how badly they want to achieve their goal. "It is hard, but it is also possible", says Eric. "The question you need to ask yourself is: How badly do you want it?"



*Eric Mphohoni*

Bursaries are awarded in the Mechanical, Electrical, Metallurgical, Chemical, Industrial and Computer engineering disciplines. It is a prerequisite for learners currently in Grade 12 to have passed Grade 11 with Mathematics at 70% or 80% (depending on the university requirements) and Physical Science at 60%. An aggregate of 60% is also required for the rest of the subjects.

Applications for Engineering bursaries for first year students commencing studies in 2014 close on 28 February 2013. [Read more](#)