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Maximising skills development for a sustainable future

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

On the 31st of January 2013, 11 employees embarked on a journey to better their future when their employer, Derlon Spinning (Pty) LTD presented the opportunity to them to enter a textile learnership at NQF Level 2. Derlon Spinning, a manufacturer of acrylic and fancy yarn, had been accredited by the FP&M SETA to provide learnerships in the Textiles sub-sector.

11 learners enrolled for the learnership, entitled "National Certificate in CTFL Manufacturing Processes: Spinning Processes". The learnership consisted of core modules which focused on aspects such as textile materials, safety and health, quality practices and productivity while the elective modules focussed on the technical aspects related to spinning processes including preparation and spinning operation. Of the 11 learners who enrolled, 8 were funded by the FP&M SETA and the remaining 3 were funded by Derlon Spinning.

The graduation ceremony, hosted on the 4th of July 2014, saw all 11 learners graduating successfully and receiving national certificates.



Front row - left to right: Sanele Ndlovu, Lungile Dlamini, Siyabonga Tshabalala, Buyiswa Mchunu, Tholakele Hlatshwayo, Bongumusa Dlamini, Londiwe Hadebe, Christobel Mbongwa.

Back Row - left to right: Joe Somai, Christopher Mazibuko, Chats Ramdin, Lucky Mlaba, Michael Naidoo.

Mr Joe Somai, Senior Accountant and HR Manager at Derlon Spinning delivered the opening speech at the ceremony. He said: "I believe that it is fitting that the theme for this academic year has been "The light shines in the darkness." We have witnessed financial crisis and natural disasters; we have read stories of unethical behaviour and questionable business tactics. We all know individuals who have lost their jobs during this crisis. Although our retirement accounts and financial investments may have suffered, we have had the luxury of a worldwide classroom to make history like our former president has done. From prisoner to President, nothing is impossible. They can rob you of all your material wealth but cannot take your knowledge."

The FP&M SETA is proud to be associated with providers such as Derlon Spinning who have showed their commitment to skills development in the textiles sub-sector over the past years.

The FP&M SETA would like to congratulate those who have graduated and would also like to acknowledge the hard work that Derlon Spinning and their training division have put into the betterment of the learners' lives. We look forward to enabling more successful learnerships in future.

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