

Student Development Programme

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To introduce the concept of cleaner production to tertiary institutions and create an opportunity for students to get "hands on" experience with cleaner production projects.

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As part of the NCPC's activities, the NCPC ran a student development programme for chemical engineering students at Tertiary Institutions. Students were able to learn more about cleaner production through workshops that were held by the centre, and students were given the opportunity to get "hands on" experience working at a particular company.



Student projects were identified by the NCPC together with participating companies. The student were then given the task, with the help of the company and under the supervision of a mentor at the tertiary institution, to complete these projects. In certain cases students were given credits for their projects. The programme has been welcomed by most tertiary institutions and companies. The institutions that have participated are the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the Durban Institute of Technology (DIT), the Technikon Witwatersrand, the Tshwane University of Technology and Pentech in Cape Town.

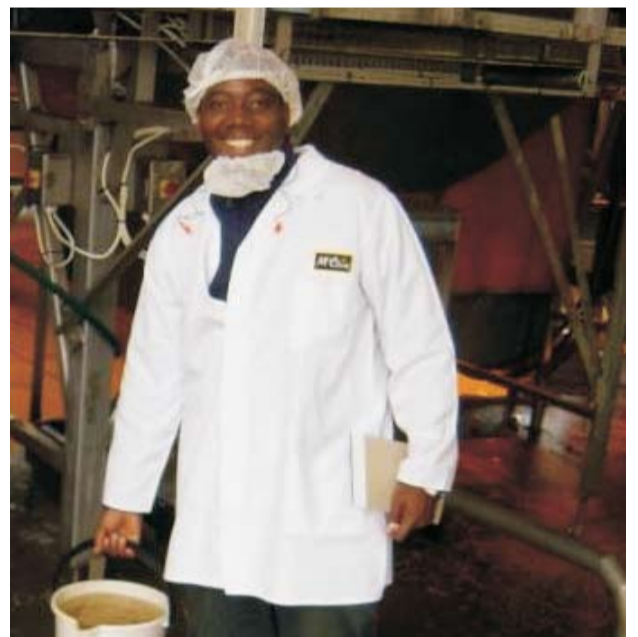


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OUTCOME OF THE PROGRAMME

Arnesh Telukdarie, supervisor from DIT: "The NCPC project has been an eye opener for all students. Through the project the students have gained valuable industrial experience and have all displayed individual growth."

Vongani Nkhwashu, a chemical engineering student from Wits Technikon: "The NCPC programme has helped me gain knowledge and understanding on the concept of cleaner production. I encourage all students who are studying towards a degree/diploma in engineering to go through this excellent programme!"



Vongani Nkhwashu
Student

