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Dear Knysna Municipality Town Planning and Building Control

Following the devastating fires in Knysna, the Western Cape Government as well as the Mckensie Group conducted a skills analysis in the Southern Cape area in order to determine the skills needs and sectors where skills development is crucial in the area.

The sectors identified are: Forestry, Furniture making, Tourism and Hospitality, Construction, ICT, Agriculture and Oil and Gas.

In line with the NDSD III and scare skills/occupations in South Africa the trades and qualifications to be offered in Knysna was identified.

Knysna has in excess of 1200 learners leaving high school annually that has no access to Technical and Vocational training in their immediate environment.

The need for Technical and Vocational training is so big that even if a centre is established every 50 km it will still not be enough to provide training to fill the need.

Based on this Africa Skills has embarked on a journey to establish an Accredited Training Centre in Knysna offering the following Qualifications:
- Apprenticeships: Mechatronics, Furniture Maker, Solar Photovoltaic Service Technician
- Learnerships: Tourist Information Officer, Generic Management Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Ambassador Short Skills specific to Knysna
- Fibre Technician
- Cloud Foundation and Cloud Architecture

The number of parking bays requires will be about 10, the target market learners for training will be recruited from the Knysna informal settlement which is walking distance from the Centre location, alternatively public transport will be utilized. During Phase 1, 40 students per day are anticipated. These numbers will increase as new courses are rolled out over the various phases.

At Africa Skills Private College we focus on facilitating a skilled workforce in South Africa to promote and support development, especially in rural areas.

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Over the past 11 years, Africa Skills Private College continuously endeavoured to improve skills development practices, work placement and making a real impact on the economic growth and unemployment epidemic - we have proudly placed over 5000 artisans in the Garden Route & South Africa.

Our primary aim is to change the South African landscape by changing lives, restoring dignity and contributing to initiatives that will not only benefit local communities, but the country as a whole.

Kind Regards

Africa Skills Management