

PPI-WITS TCSE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

Project Performance International (PPI) and the Wits Transnet Centre of Systems Engineering (TCSE) and are pleased to announce their agreement to collaborate with the aim of increasing engineering capacity and capability within South African industry.

The agreement provides for joint presentation of systems engineering training and education, accreditation of existing training courses, joint development, accreditation and presentation of systems engineering training, and in general, collaboration to further entrench systems engineering into the South Africa landscape across the spectrum of relevant industries and agencies.

Systems engineering is a discipline that helps enterprises deal effectively with large, complex projects. Systems engineering has also demonstrated strong return on investment when applied to projects and developments of much smaller size.

Robert Halligan, Managing Director of PPI, says: "Project Performance International's commitment to South Africa is unshakable. This partnership with Wits University through TCSE is a source of huge satisfaction, for the opportunity that it provides via a classic system solution, to produce outcomes beyond those that either organization could achieve individually. A strong correlation between systems engineering practices and project performance has been proven beyond doubt in recent years, across oceans, cultures and application domains. The challenge is to have the benefits of systems engineering practices more broadly understood, to increase the capability within the country to exploit those practices, and to realize those benefits. Education must play a major role here. This partnership between PPI and Wits University through TCSE has the potential, not only to deliver substantial benefits to the icon company that is Transnet, but also to contribute to the future prosperity of South Africa on a broader scale. I could not be more excited about this partnership."

Rudolph Louw, Director of TCSE, says that this partnership is in line with the University's vision to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and expertise. "The TCSE is a training, education and research based organisation with experience in providing research based solutions. PPI's experience and global footprint in working with industry will strengthen our offering to course participants. This collaboration between PPI and Wits TCSE will increase the systems engineering training and education available in South Africa, expanding the scope and accreditation of training in this discipline and bringing together best practices. "

The TCSE is located in the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) in Johannesburg. PPI is an international training and consulting company with its head office in Melbourne, Australia, with people in addition based in South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States and in Brazil. PPI regularly works on six continents with Fortune 100 clients through to small start-up companies.

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