

## Training, Investment or Expense?

It is astounding how many people in the South African Transport Industry complain about the availability of qualified artisans in the marketplace.

Quoting Nico Pretorius, Imperial General Manager – Learning & Development, “a study in South Africa shows that the average age of Qualified Artisans is 54, RMI Dec 2008”. That leaves us with a scary thought. On average we have 10 years of maintenance know how left in the country.

Where do artisans come from? Surely they must have completed an apprenticeship? Where in South Africa can an aspiring Artisan do an apprenticeship? Will he or she be qualified to the level required to keep our transportation industry well maintained and thriving?

**Nico Pretorius**



### Unveiling of the Jost Practical Training Frame at Imperial Technical Training Centre

More importantly, what are we doing to aid our current dire situation in the transport industry? What are we giving towards training and sustaining our logistics industry?

The painful truth is: None of us are doing or giving nearly enough assistance to the vitally few remaining training initiatives and facilities available in South Africa. We need to ensure sustainable supply of well trained and cutting edge equipped Transportation Artisans. How else will we ensure the wellbeing of the industry for future generations?



It is with this in mind that Jost SA has moved forward to supply one of the very few training facilities, “The Imperial Technical Training Academy Diesel Section” with a newly designed and manufactured practical fifth wheel training aid.

**Practical use and demonstration.**



This initiative is available to all large corporate fleets in South Africa in terms of training, training aids and development.

**Keith Turner MD Jost SA, official handover to Nico Pretorius Imperial Divisional Learning and Development Manager**

Thank you to Imperial Technical Training Academy for allowing us the pleasure of handing over of this Jost SA practical training aid.

This is not the end, this is only the beginning.

Jost SA supports the Initiative Imperial has taken to secure the skills required for future growth in the industry. Jost SA wishes to work closer as a partner and be there to assist with future training requirements.



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