

CENTLEC (SOC) Ltd. SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



THE CEO OF CENTLEC MR M. SEKOBOTO

CENTLEC (SOC) Ltd, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Central University of Technology (CUT) on Friday the 11th of November 2022, in an event attended by the CEO of CENTLEC Mr. Malefane Sekoboto, the Acting Vice Chancellor and the Principal of Central University of Technology, Prof Alfred Ngowi, the MMC for Infrastructure in Mangaung, Clr. Molefi Morake and senior managers from both institutions. The MoU

will amongst other things, seek to set clear goals to provide assistance and access to CENTLEC employees to study opportunities at CUT. CENTLEC employees will have an opportunity to pursue their studies, training, and completing their qualifications in various learning areas in all faculties, while CUT students will also gain access to opportunities relating to experiential training at CENTLEC.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Alfred Ngowi, the Acting Vice-Chancellor and Principal of CUT, emphasized the commitment of and the importance of both institutions working together in achieving the common goals. "This agreement today pledges our committed approach to working more closely together with Centlec to reach our common goal of expanding your employees' access to the offerings we have up to post-graduate studies. We will engage in mutual collaboration to conduct experiential training and applied research for Centlec employees using our state-of-art machinery and vice versa. In addition, not only will the two parties share cordial working relations but, will also pledge our commitment and support the activities of each other that are contained in this agreement," said Prof. Ngowi.



THE SINGING OF THE MoU



THE CEO OF CENTLEC MR MALEFANE SEKOBOTO WITH
ACTING VICE - CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL OF CUT, PROF. ALFRED NGOWI

Given the global movement towards investment in a clean energy transition, there is a great need for CENTLEC to upskill, retrain and develop its own workforce to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by this transition. Furthermore, the risk of job losses and redundancy due to the transition presents an opportunity to provide training and upskilling for new industries that can be scaled up as a result of the transition, particularly the renewables industry.

In his remarks, Clr Molefi Morake, a Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Infrastructure in Mangaung acknowledged the role played by institutions of higher learning in economic, skills development and transformation in our country. "As the municipality, we acknowledge that institutions of higher learning are key catalysts in terms of transformation, skills development, and innovation. Energy is key for economic development, and this skills programme will be part of the process of ensuring that our communities benefit from partnerships such as this one," said Clr Morake.

The Chief Executive Officer of CENTLEC, Mr. Malefane Sekoboto, who also happen to be an alumnus of CUT himself, indicated that education ranks higher on the priority list of his institution. "About 60-70% percent of our technical personnel, especially the technicians, studied at CUT, so one can see the impact that CUT has already had in educating our technical staff. We expect this relationship between the two institutions, which has always been there, to grow stronger and today we are taking it to a higher level, as we explore how best can we utilize the resources that we have to make sure that our communities reap the benefits."