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DEPARTMENT'S EPWP PRODUCES MUCH NEEDDED ARTISANS:

Write-up:

The Departemetn's Extended Public Works Programme Unit (EPWP) through the Innovation and Empowerment Sub-Programme held an exit workshop for the completed National Youth Service (NYS) Electrical Engineering Participants on 04 June 2015. The session was aimed at presenting exit opportunities to these Engineering Participants so that they are equiped and competetive for the labour market.

The EPWP in partnership with Special Programme Unit invited Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA), National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), Contraction Industry Development Board (CIDB) and Electrical Expert in the session to share some light on good human conduct in the work place and expected operational functions in that discipline.

The information session also inclusively covered topics such as entrepreneurial skills, formation of Cooperatives, definition of a business and training offered, opportunities available for Youth, career guidance and career paths in the Electrical environment.

The 12 Apprentices recruited in the programme were trade tested on ***04–07 May 2015*** at Procedo Training Centre in Strand Cape Town and 11 of the candidates were found competent during the first attempt and now are qualified Electrical Artisans.

In addition, emphasis was made on the need to register as a professional with relevant bodies such as the Department of Labour, Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) and other engineering related professional bodies in order to easily track progress made on their career going forward.

The learners were encouraged to further their studies in order to be well equipped in this demanding field which is characterized by rapid changes in technology.
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