

Thermal Insulation Academy expands specialist training capacity

The launch of the Thermal Insulation Academy of Southern Africa (TIA) marks an important development for the industrial insulation sector. Established to address the growing demand for qualified insulation professionals, the academy is positioned to support industries such as construction, energy and manufacturing, where technical competence, safety and compliance remain central.



RESPONDING TO SKILLS DEMAND

Industrial insulation is a specialised field that requires both technical understanding and practical capability. As projects become more demanding in terms of performance, safety and regulatory compliance, the need for trained personnel continues to grow.



TIA has been established to help meet this demand by creating a dedicated training environment for the sector. Its focus is on developing skills that are directly relevant to the current industry requirements.

COMBINING THEORY AND PRACTICE

A key feature of the academy is its training model, which combines classroom-based learning with practical instruction. This is especially important in industrial insulation, where proper installation methods and material knowledge directly affect system performance.

By aligning its facilities and curriculum with the current industry standards, the academy aims to deliver training that is both structured and applicable to site conditions.

EARLY MOMENTUM AFTER LAUNCH

The academy has already attracted strong interest in enrolment, along with support from industry stakeholders. This points to a clear need for more formalised training pathways within the insulation sector.

One of its early milestones was the hosting of an international industrial insulation training group. Feedback highlighted the value of the academy's structured programme and experienced facilitators.

ALIGNMENT WITH INDUSTRY STANDARDS

TIA operates with the support and endorsement of the Thermal Insulation Products and Systems Association SA (TIPSASA). This strengthens its connection to the broader insulation industry and supports its credibility as a specialist training provider.

Its registration with the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) further places its programmes within a recognised national training framework.



SUPPORTING LONG-TERM INDUSTRY CAPACITY

As energy efficiency, safety and compliance continue to shape industrial and construction projects, training initiatives such as TIA are likely to become increasingly important. Building specialist capacity in this area supports not only individual skills development but also improved standards across the sector.

For companies seeking to strengthen technical capability, and for individuals looking to enter or



advance within the field, the academy offers a structured route into a growing area of specialist training.

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