



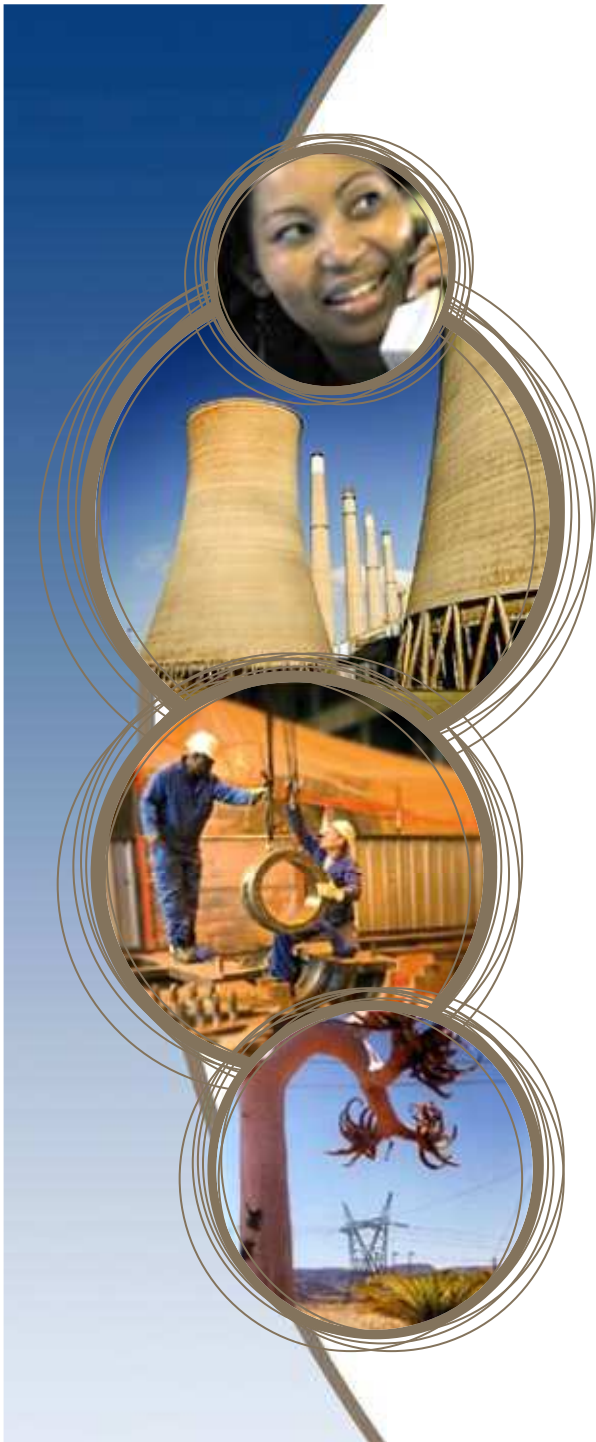
# Primary Energy Division

**Skills in the Mining and Minerals Sector (Coal subsector)**

**South African Colliery Managers' Association**

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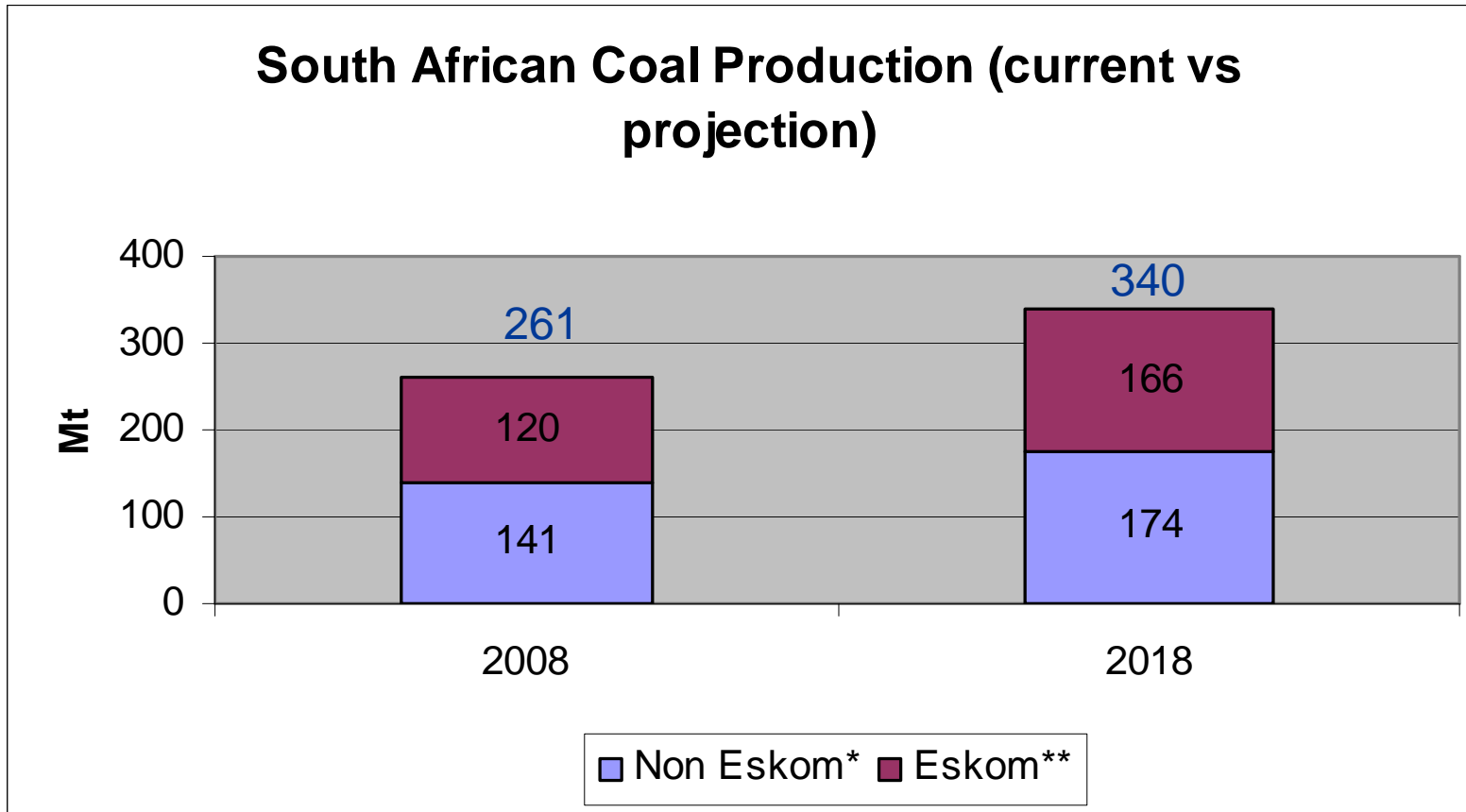
“It is however, exceptionally difficult to come up with authoritative figures or even estimates with regard to skills shortages or demand for engineering professionals”

- An analysis was conducted to confirm if indeed a shortage of manpower may be evident, and if so, to what extent and in what category(s) of mining related skills (specifically coal subsector)
- Obtain input from SACMA
- Provide input into National Coal Energy Forum

Terminology: Coal Mining is a subsector within the Mining and Minerals Sector

## South African Coal production (2008 – 2018)

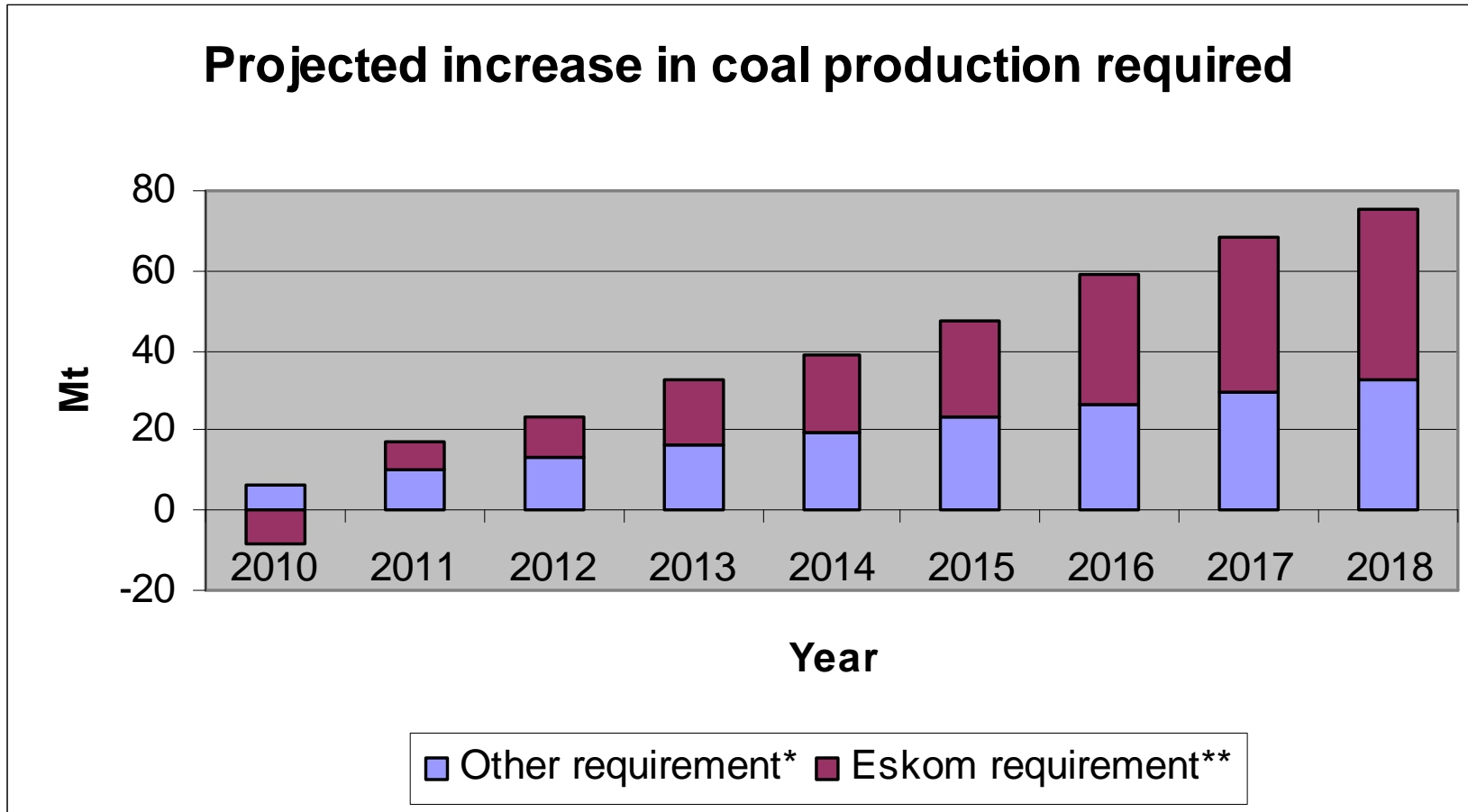
# South African Coal production



**30% increase in coal production required from 2008 to 2018**  
**Eskom coal requirement increases by 38% during this period**

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Source: McKinsey & Company and Letsema Consulting

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High level summary of pertinent points pertaining to the  
Sector skills plan for mining and minerals sector (2005 –  
2010)

In order to obtain more detailed information pertaining to the  
Mining subsector, the Sector skills plan for mining and  
minerals sector (2005 – 2010) was studied and analysed in  
order to extract relevant information

Source: skills plan for the Mining and Minerals Sector, as published by the Mining  
And Qualifications Authority (2005 – 2010) – updated 31 August 2008

# Summary of pertinent points

- **Supply of Skills**
  - Surplus labour in Sector available (mostly unskilled)
  - The number of higher education qualifications awarded is not sufficient
  - The uptake of learnerships in the Sector is “disappointing” - linked to the downturn / downscaling in the Sector. Learnerships should be increased for the long-term needs of the Sector and the Country
  - The skills shortages are mostly in the following occupational categories:
    - Technicians and Associated Professionals
    - Trade Workers (and learnerships as the pipeline)
    - Professionals

Source: skills plan for the Mining and Minerals Sector, as published by the Mining And Qualifications Authority (2005 – 2010) – updated 31 August 2008

# Summary of pertinent points

<b>Summary of supply of skills according to occupational category (selected categories)</b>		
<b>Occupational Group</b>	<b>Current employment</b>	<b>Skills available in the labour market</b>
Legislators, Senior Officials, Managers and Owner Managers	Under-representation of HDIs including women	Limited number of people with combination of industry, technical and managerial skills
Professionals	Under-representation of HDIs including women	General shortage No/very low unemployment (no spare capacity)
Technicians and Associated Professionals	Under-representation of HDIs including women	General shortage No/very low unemployment (no spare capacity)
Trade Workers	Very few workers employed	General shortage
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	Mainly African men Large-scale use of migrant labour	Over supply Large numbers of unemployed experienced workers available
Labourers and Related Workers	Mainly African men Large-scale use of migrant labour	Over supply Large numbers of unemployed experienced workers available

Source: skills plan for the Mining and Minerals Sector, as published by the Mining And Qualifications Authority (2005 – 2010) – updated 31 August 2008

# Mining and Minerals sector

Scarce skills in the Mining and Minerals sector (selected occupations)			
Category	Occupation	Total	% of scarce skills
<b>Senior Officials / Managers</b>		<b>284</b>	<b>3</b>
	Production / Operations Manager (Mining)	284	
<b>Professionals / Technicians and related</b>		<b>1702</b>	<b>21</b>
	Electrical Engineer / Technologist	170	
	Mechanical Engineer / Technologist	194	
	Civil Engineer	60	
	Mining Engineer / Technologist	237	
	Geologist	245	
	Surveyor	137	
	Electrical Engineering Technician	141	
	Mechanical Engineering Technician	79	
	Mining Technician	432	
	Environmental	7	
<b>Trade Workers</b>		<b>2247</b>	<b>28</b>
	Diesel Motor Mechanic	509	
	Welder	179	
	Fitter / Fitter & Turner	565	
	Millwright	381	
	Electrician	613	
<b>Machinery Operators and Drivers</b>		<b>1523</b>	<b>19</b>
	Miners	345	
	Crane / hoist / lift operators	69	
	Truck Drivers	80	
	Drillers	1029	
<b>All other categories combined</b>		<b>2396</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>8152</b>	

Source: Sector skills plan for the mining and minerals sector – Updated 31 August 2008

## SCARCE SKILLS DEFINITION:

Scarce skills refers to occupational categories for which employers cannot find suitably qualified and/or experienced candidates. Scarcity can arise as a result of factors such as geographical location, employment equity consideration and an overall shortage of a particular skill in the labour market

# National Scare skills picture

Scare skills: Mining / Minerals sector and National (selected occupations)				
		Scare Skills		
Category	Occupation	Mining & Minerals Sector	National List	Mining & Minerals Sector as % of total
<b>Senior Officials / Managers</b>	Production / Operations Manager (Mining)	284	3130	9
	Electrical Engineer / Technologist	170	2485	7
<b>Professionals / Technicians and related</b>	Mechanical Engineer / Technologist (Nat list included Industrial)	194	12665	2
	Civil Engineer	60		
	Mining Engineer / Technologist	237	295	80
	Geologist	245	335	73
	Surveyor (Nat list includes Civil and Quality)	137	2940	5
	Electrical Engineering Technician (Nat list includes Draughting)	141	5145	3
	Mechanical Engineering Technician (Nat list includes Draughting)	79	255	31
	Mining Technician	432		
	Environmental	7		
	<b>Trade Workers</b>	Diesel Motor Mechanic (Nat list includes all automotive)	509	4205
Welder		179		
Fitter / Fitter & Turner		565	8340	7
Millwright		381	1945	20
Electrician		613	5315	12

Source: Sector skills plan for the mining and minerals sector – Updated 31 August 2008  
National Master Scarce Skills List for South Africa 2008, Department of Labour

# Conclusion: Mining and Minerals Sector in general (skills focussed)

- Shortage of skills is currently mostly evident in the following Occupational groups:
  - Management
  - Professional
  - Technicians
  - Artisans / Trade Workers
- Racial composition of workforce (transformation is not happening at a fast enough pace)
- The current supply of manpower does not meet the current requirement
  - Universities
  - Universities of Technology
  - Apprentice training / Learnership training

Source: skills plan for the Mining and Minerals Sector, as published by the Mining And Qualifications Authority (2005 – 2010) – updated 31 August 2008

## **Focus on the Coal Subsector**

## **Manpower implications due to requirement to increase coal production**

# Manpower requirements due to projected increased coal production



## Projected increase in manpower numbers for the coal subsector

- Total manpower within the subsector to increase by approximately 16% (from approximately 60 000 employees to 69 500) by 2018
- **Projected growth in certain occupational categories**
  - Legislators, Senior Officials, Managers and Owner Manager (additional 200 required by 2018)
  - Professionals / Technicians and Associated Professionals (additional 200 required by 2018)
  - Craft and related Trade workers (additional 800 required by 2018)
  - Miners (additional 1300 required by 2018)
  - Semi-skilled / unskilled (additional 7000 required by 2018)
  - Apprentices and section 18 (1) learners (pipeline for Trade workers)

## **Legislators, Senior Officials, Managers and Owner Manager**

- Projected additional resources required (demand)

# Additional demand: Managers



Additional 188 Managers required for the period 2009 - 2018

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McKinsey & Company and Letsema Consulting  
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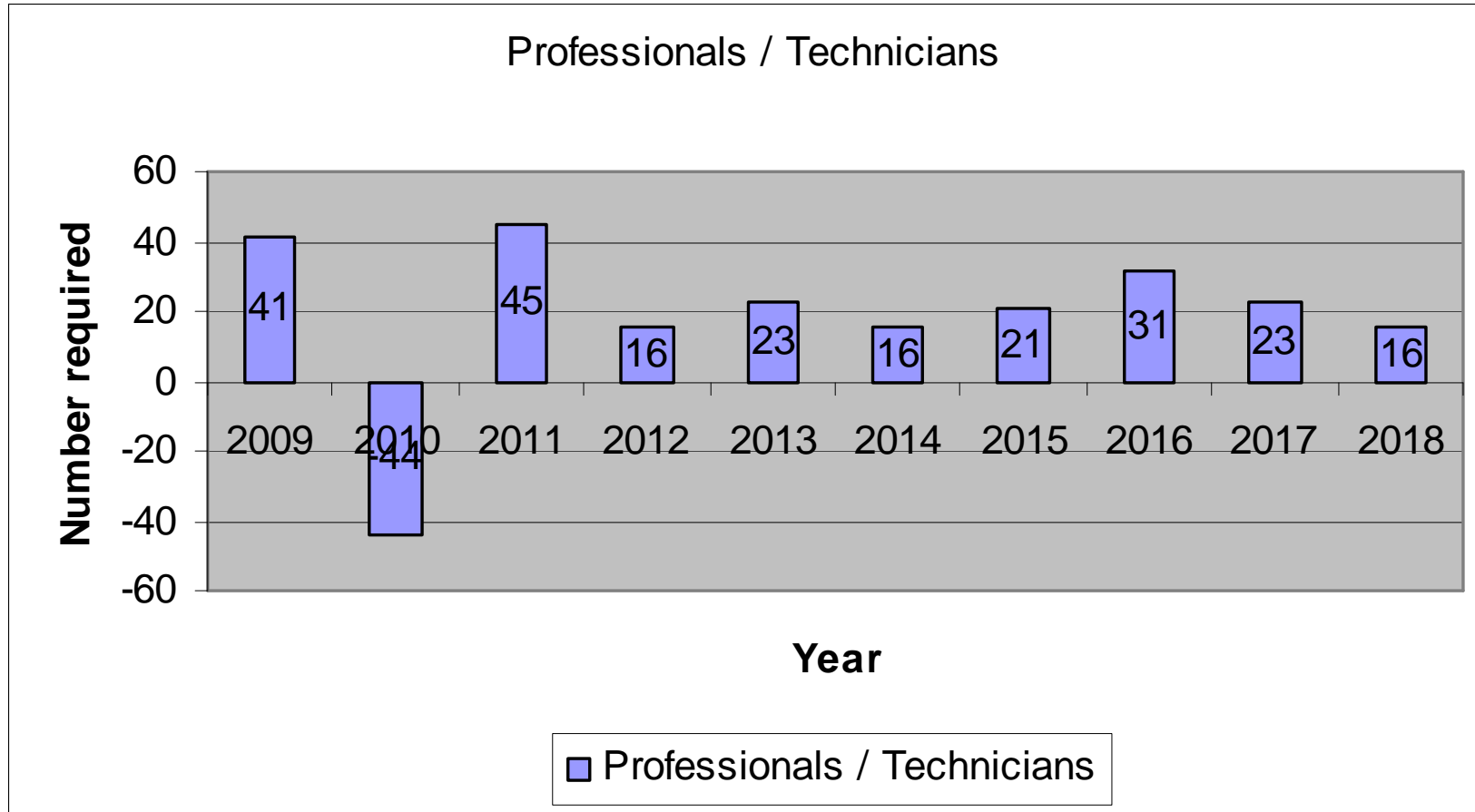
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# Additional demand: Professionals / Technicians and associated professionals



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# Additional resources required: Professionals / Technicians and associated professionals



## Additional Professionals / Technicians required per annum

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Professional / Technician and associated</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>
Mettalurgists	3	-4	4	1	2	1	2	2	2	1
Geologists	5	-5	5	2	3	2	3	4	3	2
Mining Engineers	14	-15	15	5	8	5	7	11	8	5
Mechanical	8	-8	8	3	4	3	4	6	4	3
Industrial	2	-2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Elec H/C	6	-7	7	2	3	2	3	5	3	2
Elec L/C	2	-2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Environmental	2	-2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1

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## Supply Chain Analysis

# Current / future skills available / required (supply): Professionals / Technicians and associated professionals



## Current scenario

- General shortage in the specified disciplines (previous slide)
- Under-representation of HDIs\* including women
- Mining subsector not attractive to graduates / diplomats

## Sources of supply / general

- Higher education institutions – supply is not sufficient
- Limited students with Mathematics and Science at school
- High demand of these resources / skills in other Sectors
- New entrants supported by bursaries

### Source:

Skills plan for the Mining and Minerals Sector, as published by the Mining And Qualifications Authority (2005 – 2010) – updated 31 August 2008.

Team analysis

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# Summary: Projected supply from Tertiary Institutions (Un and Universities of Technology)



## 2007 degrees / diplomas conferred

- Total Engineering – 7236
  - Mining related – 243
  - Electrical related – 2315
  - Mechanical related – 1033
  - Industrial related – 594

**The supply of Engineering related resources into the South African market place is limited**

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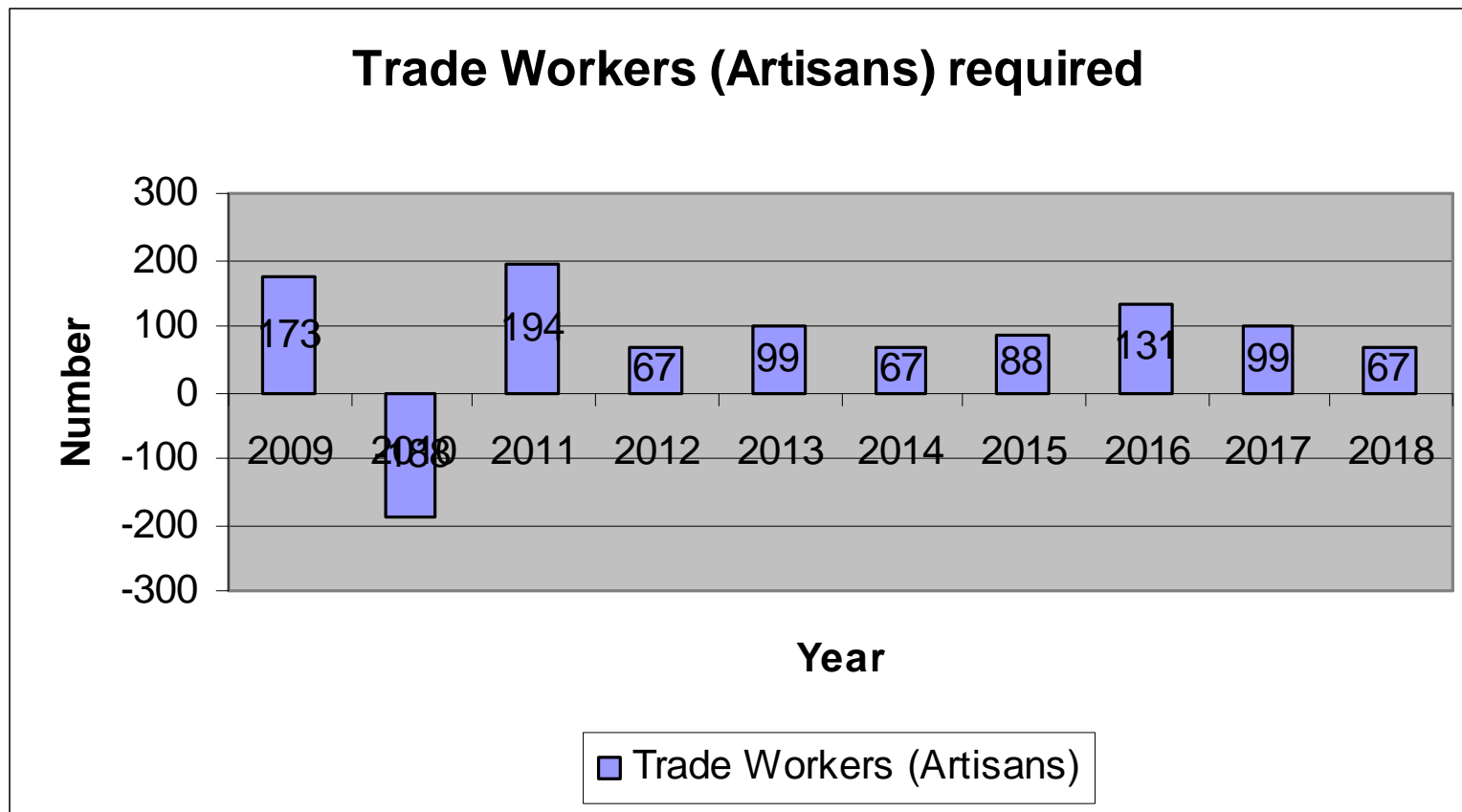
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## **Craft and related Trade workers**

- Projected additional resources required (demand)
- Current / future skills available / required (supply)
- Recommendations

# Additional demand: Craft and related Trade workers

## Additional Trade Workers (Artisans) required per annum



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# Additional demand: Craft and related Trade workers



## Additional Trade Workers (Artisans) required per annum Breakdown per discipline

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Trade Workers (Artisans)</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>-188</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>67</b>
Fitters / Fitter & Turners	52	-56	58	20	30	20	26	39	30	20
Electricians	35	-38	39	13	20	13	18	26	20	13
Boilermakers / Welders	12	-13	14	5	7	5	6	9	7	5
Instrument Mech's	12	-13	14	5	7	5	6	9	7	5
Diesel Motor Mechanics	28	-30	31	11	16	11	14	21	16	11
Millrights	35	-38	39	13	20	13	18	26	20	13
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# Current / future skills available / required (supply): Craft and related Trade workers



## Current scenario

- General shortage is being experienced
- Emigration of skills increased (loss to South Africa)
- Intake of learnerships within the coal subsector decreased for 2009 (specific reference to CTC, who is currently the largest training centre within the coal subsector)
- Transition from Apprenticeships to Learnerships stifled supply
- Long training periods inhibit responsiveness
- Administrative requirements from the MQA impact on process efficiencies
- Students with Mathematics and Science (SG Level) at school – impacts supply
- **Sources of supply / general**
  - Learnership / Apprenticeship Training Centres – supply is not sufficient
  - Currently the Training Centres do have “spare capacity” of approximately 350 learnerships per annum
  - High demand of these resources / skills in other Sectors

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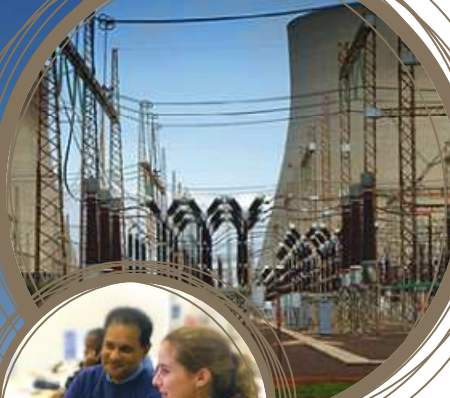
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- Do to disparate systems, it is extremely difficult to obtain a National picture pertaining to current supply of skills
- The current shortage of skilled Trade workers emphasise the magnitude of the shortage within South Africa:
  - Motor Mechanic: 4205
  - Welder: 179
  - Fitter / Fitter & Turner: 8340
  - Millwright: 1945
  - Electrician: 5315

Source: National Master Scarce Skills List for South Africa 2008, Department of Labour

# Thank you



# Recommendations: Managers

- Create active awareness of potential mining careers at secondary school level
- Establish close relationships with bridging units at University level
- Tertiary education graduates / diplomats
  - Pipeline of candidates needs to increase
- Companies to ensure Employment Equity plans for junior and senior management levels
- Employment Equity (women)
  - Mining Companies to ensure appropriate plans are in place
  - Work-life balance flexibility

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- Management development courses
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  - Recruitment of retired engineering professionals
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  - Enhance / support current initiatives
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Please refer to section on Professionals / Technicians and associated professionals as these categories are the feeding area for Managers

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- Align supply and demand – higher subsidies to Universities and Universities of Technology pertaining to scarce skills
- Develop standardised model of selection
- Engineering to be promoted as a discipline at Higher Education level
- Increase investment (bursaries - with an effective monitoring of progress mechanism)
- Ensure students have additional support (tutors etc)

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- Review curricula to better align to needs of the workplace
- Engineering to be promoted as a discipline at Higher Education level
- Programmes required at Higher Education / Tertiary Education level to improve maths / science proficiency
- More Corporate programmes required to promote maths / science
- Improve quality of staff and student to staff ratios

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- Encourage learnerships at Company level
  - Opportunity for experiential training in order to graduate
- Encourage ECSA registration
- Corporates to ensure effective programs to assist in the transition from study to work
- Develop a capability transfer / knowledge transfer framework from older engineering professionals to younger ones

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# Recommendations: General Education

- Number of high quality Grade 12 learners (with maths and science) to be increased:
  - Improved numeracy with appropriate curricula
  - Number of teachers to be increased and salaries reviewed (mathematics and science)
  - Improve infrastructure
  - Create awareness of the engineering profession
  - Identify black competent learners at a early stage and assist them with better educational opportunities (e.g. better schools)

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# Recommendations: Craft and related Trade workers

- Significant increase in learnerships are required in all sectors
  - Currently additional training capacity is available within the coal subsector and learners should be appointed (funding of these learners seems to be a matter that requires attention)
- Employers needs to be incentivised to increase learnerships
- Trades as a profession needs to be marketed within South Africa
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- Supply cannot meet demand requirements and will impact on economic growth (current short term view may be different currently)
- SA skills in demand world wide (especially mining)
- Recruitment of competent staff outside of South Africa should be considered

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