

ArcelorMittal Solidarity Holidays

Anthonie Kuter, a Fitter at Finishing & Despatch, Vanderbijlpark Works recently returned from Spain where he spent part of his annual leave cycling 800 kilometres along the famous 'Camino de Santiago' - the pilgrimage route to Compostela in Spain.

Anthonie Kuter

From 28 May to 7 June Antonie, along with eight ArcelorMittal colleagues, each accompanying a visually impaired co-rider on a tandem bicycle, cycled all the way from Pamplona in the north of Spain to Santiago de Compostela in the north-west to raise awareness of retinal diseases and to remind people of the importance of regular eye check-ups.

Here is Antonie's story:

My Solidarity holiday in Spain

We were part of a group of 48 people which included visually impaired people from ONCE (or Organización Nacional de Ciegos Españoles - National Organization of Spanish Blind People) as well as members of the German HEM Schwerger Foundation.

"Each of the volunteers was assigned a visually impaired cycling partner for whom he or she was responsible. This did not only entail piloting the tandem

bike - we literally became the "eyes" of our tandem partners, assisting them with their meals and other day-to-day tasks like handling their luggage and getting around in the hotels.

This was an excellent experience for all the participants as we did not only have to face the physical challenges of cycling up to 100 kilometres every day but also had to cope with the human challenges of getting along with our partners.

Anticipating the needs of a visually impaired person is not as easy as it may seem. The visually impaired participants also had to get used to us as their guides. Because the participants came from all over the world - like

Germany, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Spain, Luxembourg and South Africa - language was also a challenge at times.

All in all the experience was very good. Everyone was very enthusiastic and helpful. I learnt a lot, not only about the country but also about being with a visually impaired person. It was very satisfying to try and understand the trust they put in you. Sitting at the back of a tandem blind must be quite a hair-raising experience, especially when going down the steep down-hills. The German group that accompanied us was also very supportive. It was a great programme and definitely very rewarding for everyone involved."



Anthonie and "co-pilot" Ruan



From 28 May to 7 June nine ArcelorMittal volunteers cycled 800km in tandem from Pamplona to Santiago de Compostela in Spain



The group of cyclists on Arrival at Viana



Arriving at the Obradoiro Square in Santiago de Compostela



The route from Pamplona to Santiago de Compostela

> Heading

Pretoria Works engages Department of Labour's Inspectorate

Pretoria Works recently hosted The Department of Labour's Technical Committee meeting.

Elize Zywotkiewicz

The Department of Labour (DoL) is tasked with continuous revision of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations (OHS Act 85 of 1993). These revisions are facilitated by Technical Committees (TCs) appointed by the Chief Inspector OHS and comprise of representatives from Government, Light and heavy Industry, Manufacturing, SASOL, Transnet, Eskom and Organised labour.

ArcelorMittal South Africa and the South African Asset Management Association (SAAMA) are represented on TC number 13 by Francois Bezuidenhout, Divisional Manager Pretoria Works. TC 13, was established to revise the Driven

Machinery regulations.

It is commonly known that one of the most complex Regulations in the Driven Machinery Regulations is Section 18 as it addresses lifting machines and lifting tackle. It was this section that needed most of the Committee's attention due to the wide scope and subject matter depth.

Pretoria Works hosted the most recent TC meeting under the Chairmanship of Mhlakola Monyaki, Deputy Director Electrical Machinery & Engineering assisted by Lesibe Raphela, Assistant Director, Inspection & Enforcement. The meeting was attended by all TC appointees and a large volume of work was completed.

All meeting arrangements went well, so much so that the next meeting is planned to take

place at Pretoria Works as well. Mr. Monyaki gave a special word of thanks to Francois and the Pretoria Works team for hosting the event and making the

meeting a success.

Francois says, "We are looking forward to a long and productive relationship with the DoL in the capital city."



Members of the Department of Labour's Driven Machinery Regulation Technical Committee at Pretoria Works

Information Management User Corner

Most of our working lives involve making use of Information Technology (IT) Resources. While working with IT resources we need to ensure appropriate usage of them, use them for what they are meant for, in a cost effective manner and still comply with ArcelorMittal IT policies.

A need to go green and consider the environment has been identified. While working with IT resources in our day to day activities, we need to do so, with the environment in mind.

Due to the rising costs of energy and the need for accountability regarding global warming, resulting from human actions, we should adopt and implement Green IT initiatives to save money and contribute towards the sustainability of the environment. Listed below are some of the Green IT initiatives which as users should adopt in our work environments:

- Share printers**
 Use one, centrally located printer, to handle all printing tasks. This will virtually eliminate numerous machines being left on all day sucking up energy and driving up costs.
- Print Suppression**
 It is wasteful in today's society to print many documents when we have e-mail, electronic signatures, and the ability to create PDF documents. By reducing the use of printers and paper, time, energy and money will be saved, and a few trees may not need to be cut to produce more paper, resulting in a healthier environment. Ensure that your printers are set to print double sided as default.
- Equipment Usage Practices**
 This is about using energy saving settings on your machines, such as shutting down your desktop or notebook when you are not using it. Remember that by putting your machine on standby, it will still consume energy/power. Turn off screen savers as they consume energy and add to monthly Electricity costs.
- Proper Disposal and Recycling**
 This is so important because it potentially eliminates the threat of harmful toxins being released into the environment and allows for the reuse of equipment reducing the amount of waste. When you have redundant or obsolete IT equipment in your work area, always return it to Information Management as they have procedures for the safe disposal of IT equipment.

In the next issues we will be introducing a few more Green IT concepts and practices we can adopt in our work areas in order to save costs, contribute towards profitability while improving the environment.

Monthly Competition

The winner of the May-June competition: Daniel Kase, from Vanderbijlpark Works

The correct answer for May-June competition is: Information management portal, <http://arcelormittalsaiscor.com/sites/dmp/im/default.aspx>

This month's question: What is the benefit of switching off your desktop when not in use?

Email your answer to: IMcompetition@arcelormittal.com.

The Closing date is 17 August 2012.

