

Steeling education

“A small donation can make a huge difference to the lives of those in need. We are committed to empowering and enriching the skills of our local community members through our continued focus on transforming the future.”

It is this ethos that inspired Saldanha Works to donate steel plate to Weskus School in Saldanha on 7 February.

The materials will be used for training the welding learners.

Weskus School provides for the educational needs of learners with mild learning disabilities. These learners come from different parts of the country including the Northern Cape, West Coast, Boland and Cape Peninsula.

Conrad Koegelenberg, Weskus School principal, said: “We try to build the learners’ self-esteem and self-confidence while they are at our school. We do this by giving them every possible opportunity to excel in technical work, sports, cultural activities, art and music. The school and parents cannot afford enough training material to allow our welding learners to gain adequate practical experience. We would like to thank ArcelorMittal for donating off-cut steel sheets to our school,” he said.

Annalize Baard, Laboratory Ma-

nager at Saldanha Works, also had a few words to share. “We have been donating these off-cut samples to Weskus School for the past 10 years now. We are committed to investing in the skills development of the community and this is actually a great opportunity for the company to be actively involved in the development of the community. This is an annual event, it helps the welding learners to complete projects and enhance their skills,” said Annalize.

“We will continue to ensure that the presence of our company is visible and actively involved the development of skills in our community.” – *Siphephelo Kunene, Saldanha Works*



Annalize Baard (left), Laboratory Manager at Saldanha Works, receives a braai stand that was made by the welding learners from Peter Enslin, handyman at Weskus School.



The sheets of scrap metal that were donated to Weskus School. PHOTOS: SUPPLIED