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MINISTER PATRICIA DE LILLE TO VISIT CAPE TOWN PLUMBING AND ARTISAN TRAINING COLLEGE

Tomorrow, 2 September 2021, Minister Patricia de Lille will visit the first black women-owned Construction Education & Training Authority (CETA) accredited plumbing and artisan training college in Cape Town.

The React Training College, based in Parow Industria was started by two Cape Town-born women, Celeste le Roux and Charmaine Jampies and David Le Roux in November 2019 as they identified the need for superior, skilled plumbing artisans.

The two women who are pioneers in their field were determined to make their mark in the male-dominated construction industry and believe that they needed to change the narrative and playing field by being catalysts for change in the industry especially for women of colour.

Celeste Le Roux has already scooped numerous awards in the built environment for her work and success over the past two years.

The React Training College provides Competency Based Modular Training with new innovative plumbing techniques. They have tailored their courses to ensure that their artisans are trained for the South African water and infrastructure challenges.

A key point of focus for the college is an emphasis on advancing and empowering women and developing emerging contractors and small to medium enterprises to operate their own businesses. On average, the college has around 40% female students.

The skills and courses they offer at the training college include: plumbing courses, sheet metal work courses, trade test preparation, high pressure drain cleaning training, leak detection and sewer cam detection training.

Minister de Lille will be visiting the college to see first-hand the good work they have been doing in their short existence and will engage the college founders and students on their work and the importance of empowering more women to claim their space in the construction and related industries.

While Women's Month has come to an end, Minister de Lille believes women should be celebrated all year around and this engagement aims to put a spotlight on women leading the charge in the construction sector.

Details of Minister de Lille's visit is as follows:

Date: Thursday 2 September

Time: 14h30 - 15h30

**Location: Unit H16, Millennium Business Park, 42 Stellenberg Road, Parow
Industria**

Media are welcome to attend.

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