

UDEC NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the third addition of our UDEC Newsletter for 2010!

You will see that we have had a VERY busy third quarter, filled with loads of fun and exciting things.

Happy reading!



RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE!



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UDEC are proud to boast about an award recently received from the SASOL Group Services, Group Strategic Sourcing Process Materials for recognition for our continuous support, customer focus and technical expertise in order to improve the SASOL Synfuels knowledge base. This award is a very special accolade and we are grateful to be acknowledged by such an esteemed organisation.

Hiller Test Machine 'Doris'

HILLER is the new star on the UDEC process technology horizon.

'Doris' is the name of the test machine in the photo, with Norbert Nöbauer, (Manager: Tests and Development) from Hiller trying to impress us.

Hiller decanters are used in countless applications - to mention only a few:

- Dewatering of drilling fines in tunnel boring operations (tunnels of up to 30 meters diameter are put through solid rock)
- Dewatering of yellow cake (uranium oxide) used for Nuclear power plants
- Dewatering of any product one wishes to have in the form of a low moisture 'cake'

We are very pleased with the progress in South Africa so far. In addition to 'Doris', we are expecting a new, much larger, test machine 'Naomi' in October which will be used in some very interesting food applications (Anyone for some freshly made guava pulp from Wellington?)



Emmanuel Lenain CECA visits RSA

Emmanuel Lenain of **CECA** visited South Africa in August. Emmanuel is the Area Sales Manager for Africa, South East Asia and the Middle East. Barbara and Emmanuel spent a lot of time at a local sugar refinery doing trial runs on Diatomaceous Earth and Perlite filter aids. We are happy to report that the trials went very well and we look forward to developing these products in other industries.

Many thanks for Emmanuel's efforts in the success of this project!

Chaos with Carbon

What a fun mess it was to decant Activated Carbon from the JACOBI packing to the packaging specified by the client for a recent tender. We have gained a lot of respect to those who work in the Carbon factories!



**DID YOU
KNOW...
“The
Chinese
symbol for
catalyst is
the same
one as for
a marriage
broker...”**

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PERSONAL PROFILE

Christa Franken

What do you do when you're at work?

I prepare quotes/invoices to clients, orders on suppliers, follow up on payments and queries (and drink a lot of coffee).

Years service at UDEC?

12 years (started in May 1998)

Birthday?

4 January

Tell us a little about your family ...

I'm married to Pattré (one of triplets) and I have two beautiful daughters, Lihanie (10) and Rianka (13). I have three sisters and a brother and am blessed to still have both my parents.

Which do you prefer, sweet or salty foods?

Definitely sweet

What do you usually think about right before falling asleep?

My dogs ... whether they are comfy and warm and how much mischief the puppy will cause during the night!?

List 3 goals on your life's to-do list:

To lose weight

To make sure that my children get a good education

To start my own company (in my second life)

What's your favourite song of all time?

I want to break free - Queen

What makes you angry?

People being unfair

Name 1 thing not many people know about you.

I love to dance (my dream was to become a choreographer)

Your favourite holiday destination?

Langebaan

If you were a car, what kind would you be and why?

Ferrari, streamlined

If Hollywood made a movie about your life, whom would you like to see play the lead role as you?

Sandra Bullock

Do you believe in ghosts?

Absolutely!

Do you have any tattoos or piercing?

Just 1 pair of ear rings!!!!

Your motto in life ...

Don't complain about the things in life that you cannot change.



“... Catalysts are rather like marriage brokers for chemical molecules - they accelerate chemical reaction without themselves being changed”



Christa with her husband Pattré, and daughters Lihanie and Rianka.

Office Braai



Our quarterly staff function was recently held at Barbara's house, there was a little dancing, a little working [final planning of the Spring Dance function as featured below] and a lot of fun!

Spring Dance



As a Board Member of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, Barbara's mandate this year was to arrange a Dinner Dance and Charity Auction within the Wellington Business community. This function tied in perfectly with our social economic awareness campaign.

From top to bottom and left to right: Hans and Annelie Perabo; Barbara and Hans; Each table had to be decorated by a hostess, this is Annelie's beautiful creation; Barbara with Andriesa and Wayne the Owner-Management team of The Wellington Spar; Trudy with Bruce Kearly and Schalk Bruwer from Slabbert Burger Transport, The kitchen team from Wellington Spar who prepared our delicious main meal dressed in their Casual Day finery; Trudy and her husband Johan on the dance floor; The team from Wamakersvallei Training Centre who prepared and served our starters as part of their cookery course.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to give you a glimpse of the on-goings at UDEC.

We love to hear from you, so please let us know what you think!

With warmest regards from Hans, Barbara and your UDEC Team!