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Dear Maurits,

We wish to extend our sincere thanks for your meaningful participation and the role you played in sharing your knowledge and insights at the 2015 Manufacturing Indaba.

This year's Indaba has exceeded our expectations with this second edition doubling in size. The Manufacturing Indaba heard keynote addresses from **the dti** Minister, Dr Rob Davies and **the dti** Deputy Minister Mzwandile Masina, Gauteng Premier David Makhura and the Mayor of Ekurhuleni, Cllr Mondli Gungubele along with four international manufacturing experts. In addition, we hosted 65 speakers and manufacturing luminaries who shared their insights.

Other highlights included:

- Uys Jonker's inspiring presentation on the development of the world-class, dti-supported and locally manufactured Jonker Sailplanes;
- Discussions on manufacturing featured across television, radio, print and online platforms with #MFGIndaba trending at position #2 on day 1 of the event;
- ArcelorMittal, Cova Advisory, South African Breweries and Denel, joined as sponsors this year;
- Over 500 delegates registered;
- 70+ companies showcased their expertise at the exhibition stands;
- Tweets containing #MFGIndaba reached 1,162,601 accounts on day one of the conference and created 18,114,752 impressions;
- The commitment by the Gauteng Premier that the Gauteng Province will be a full Partner to the Manufacturing Indaba moving forward; and
- Media coverage to the value of R7.5 million to date.

In addition, the Manufacturing Indaba announced a series of provincial one day dialogues to be held in Durban, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. These dialogues will bring together business owners, industry leaders, government officials, capital providers and professional experts to discuss challenges and to brainstorm discussion.

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The feedback gleaned from the event was exceptionally positive. Copies of the keynote presentations will be available for downloading soon. Please visit:

<http://manufacturingindaba.co.za/conference/2015-presentations/>, password: MI2015.

We are very thankful for the support of our strategic partners, The City of Ekurhuleni, the dti, the Manufacturing Circle, Deloitte as the Knowledge Partner and our partners, The Department of Science and Technology, The Department of Public Enterprises, and the National Cleaner Production Centre of South Africa. We wish to acknowledge their immense contribution to the event.

Once again, we sincerely thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming you to the next stage of our work; the 3rd annual Manufacturing Indaba to be hosted at Emperors Palace, Ekurhuleni from the 28 – 29 June 2016. Your continued support of the event is valued and necessary if we are to succeed in growing the South African Manufacturing Industry.

Yours sincerely,

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