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Going the Extra Mile for Our Customers

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From the MD's Desk

Dear UD Trucks Family;

With Spring around the corner, and the last few months of 2018 ahead of us, we at UD Trucks are proud to celebrate women in the transport industry in this special edition.

Statistics indicate that the transport industry is showing increasing numbers of women in key roles, from fleet owners to truck drivers and logistics specialists. Within our own company, women are having a great impact in all areas of our business; from top level management to engineers and production specialists, sales executives and diesel mechanics.

UD Trucks is a diverse company and we navigate a competitive and changing business landscape by being modern and innovative. We always challenge the status quo to provide the trucks and services the world needs today, and tomorrow.

We are agile and flexible and will continuously evolve to meet the needs of our business, our customers and the society.

So, we salute the women in transport and wish them every success.

Take care,

Gert Swanepoel
Managing Director: UD Trucks Southern Africa

Best UD Drivers off to Japan

UD Trucks Southern Africa is proud to announce the winners of its Extra Mile Challenge driver competition. Tatiya Sisilia from Clover SA in Johannesburg won the Quon category, while Chuttur Sunilduth from Serveng Ltd Mauritius walked away with top honours in the Quester category.

Both drivers and their managers will be travelling to the UD Experience Centre in Ageo, Japan in October to compete against UD Trucks fleet drivers from around the world to be crowned the best of the best.

The UD Extra Mile Challenge is UD Trucks' global driver competition and now in its fourth year. It uniquely simulates a typical transport cycle from pre-inspection, fuel efficiency and safe driving to parking skills – all evaluating a driver's skill to business reality.

Locally, 15 fleet drivers competed in the two categories, and for the first time included drivers from countries outside of SA namely Zimbabwe, Mauritius and Namibia.

UD Trucks is committed to going the extra mile for smart logistics and the unsung hero at the heart of this vision is the truck driver.

"We wish both drivers all the best and know they will do us, their companies and the region proud," concluded Swanepoel.

Results of UD Extra Mile Challenge Southern Africa

Quon Category

Tatiya Sisilia from Clover SA
Thembela Sithela from Dairy Farmers of SA
Norman Zwane from Air Products (SA)

Quester Category

Chuttur Sunilduth from Serveng Ltd Mauritius
Robson Chazuka from Irvine's Zimbabwe
Benedict Mabunda from Vital Fleets. ●



[Click here to see the female owned Pyramid Coal Logistics Customer Testimonial. PCC Logistics with its fleet of UD Trucks, are based in South Africa's coal belt in the small town of Carolina, Mpumalanga.](#)



HAPPY
Women's Day



Warm SA Welcome

We recently welcomed the UD Trucks Thailand Management Team who visited our regional headquarters in Rosslyn. During their four-day visit, the Thailand team toured the assembly plant, held several strategic meetings with local management, as well as visited various SA dealers and customers.

“As a leading global truck manufacturer, we strongly believe learning from each other, sharing best practices and making the UD Trucks brand even stronger across the world, to the benefit of our customers,” said Gert Swanepoel, MD of UD Trucks Southern Africa. ●



GEMBA SPIRIT One Engineer's Journey in UD Trucks

Gemba is a Japanese word that describes where the action takes place and value is created – from the factory floor to dealerships to customer facilities. Wherever it is, gemba is a place to listen and understand, and to seek out opportunities for improvement.

We recently caught up with Virginia Maledimo, UD Trucks' Price and Market Analyst, as she shared here Gemba journey within the company.

“I came to UD Trucks with no work experience as an Industrial Engineer student and worked in the UD Trucks assembly plant. I was welcomed by a fellow female qualified Industrial Engineer, Kego Mmeletsi, who assisted me in applying the theory I learned in university, into the practical work environment.

Later, I was offered an opportunity in the Developing Countries Department, where I worked as a Sales Engineering Intern. UD Trucks then provided me with some additional work experience in tender administration. I am currently working as a Price and Market Analyst in the Marketing Department, which also handles product planning. It has been a very meaningful and valuable journey and I am grateful for the exposure, opportunities and support that everyone at UD Trucks has given me.

I believe in going the extra mile in everything I do, as I know what I do makes a difference in the lives of my colleagues, our dealers, and ultimately, our customers.”

Spotlight on UD Trucks at Auto Show

UD Trucks shined bright as thousands of automotive fans descended on the acclaimed Kyalami Circuit in Gauteng to enjoy the recent Festival of Motoring.

The interactive UD Trucks stand drew lots of attention, with the time-saving Croner range on display. Our team of specialists were also on hand to provide smart logistical solutions to visitors, explaining how they can achieved increased productivity and quicker turnaround times with UD Trucks as their business partner.

“It is always wonderful to interact with the larger transport community, and to showcase our versatile and connected offering to current and potential customers,” said Rory Schulz, Marketing Director of UD Trucks Southern Africa.

“We are very excited about the future of UD Trucks in the region.” ●



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