

**STATEMENT BY COENRAAD BEZUIDENHOUT
MANUFACTURING CIRCLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
21ST JUNE 2015**

*“MANUFACTURERS TO RELEASE THREE GOALS FOR
MANUFACTURING GROWTH AT MANUFACTURING INDABA”*

EMBARGOED UNTIL SUNDAY 21ST JUNE

At the Manufacturing Indaba at Emperors Palace, Ekurhuleni on June 29th and 30th of this year, Manufacturing Circle Chairperson, Bruce Strong will be joining other keynote speakers to launch an important document on the morning of 29th June, entitled *“Three Goals to Grow Manufacturing: South Africa’s Greatest Opportunity for job-rich growth”*.

“The document will be launched at the event because we believe this exactly what the subject of the **Manufacturing Indaba** is all about: South Africa’s greatest opportunity for job-rich growth,” says Coenraad Bezuidenhout, Executive Director of the Manufacturing Circle.

The Manufacturing Circle has been a partner to the event since its inception and along with other key partners, is making strategic inputs to the event content to ensure that it is relevant to all stakeholders in the private and public sector with an interest in manufacturing.

“Attendance and interest of manufacturers until the last minutes of the inaugural event in Ekurhuleni was exceptional because the event is about identifying opportunities in the market for greater alignment between government and the private sector,” says Coenraad Bezuidenhout, Executive Director of the Manufacturing Circle.

Given the international profile of speakers (including three global manufacturing experts flying in especially for the event), the high-level involvement from government and the private sector, and the heightened relevance of this year’s programme, the 2015 event promises to be invaluable

to South Africa's manufacturers.

PRESS RELEASE ENDS

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Manufacturing Circle is the voice for South African manufacturing. Its purpose is to promote manufacturing as the excellent opportunity it is to promote job-rich growth in the South African economy. It was established in 2008 as a corporate association of manufacturers. Its membership includes manufacturers across all manufacturing categories in large and medium companies. Currently it has membership chapters in Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Western Cape. It conducts research and meets regularly with Ministers, heads of key state entities, provincial and local government leaders and Members of Parliament to discuss key priorities to promote manufacturing growth. It does this by promoting fair market access, encouraging policy alignment, emphasising the need for efficient government, clearing manufacturing-related issues and bringing out the voice of manufacturing when business in South Africa gathers to align its priorities.

Issued by: Siyenza Management

Tel: 011 463-9184

MEDIA CONTACTS:

For media enquiries and interviews with the Manufacturing Circle, please contact:

Debbie Mankowitz: Debbie@siyenzaevents.co.za or 082 604 5826

Liz Hart: liz@manufacturingindaba.co.za