

Air Products appoints first woman to leadership

Nita Müller is the first woman in Air Products' history to be appointed as regional sales manager. Having established a career in the gas industry over the past 21 years, Müller will be responsible for the performance of the Western Cape.



Nita Müller, regional sales manager: Western cape, Air Products

During her 16-years as a facility supervisor, she has set a number of benchmarks. Müller's hands-on approach to safety and quality has not only played a vital role in the facility receiving 11 Noscars, but she also received one of the most prestigious international awards for an individual at NOSHCON in 2013, Africa's occupational risk management event.

The Western Cape forms part of Air Products South Africa's national operations in industrial gas manufacturing, supporting different industries in the region.

Air Products is also known for their focus on corporate social investment (CSI) initiatives in the communities in which they operate and has established a long-term relationship with key organisations.

Rio Paralympics 2016

With the latest donation to one of these organisations, the Athlone School for the Blind, athletes from the school were able to compete at the National Athletics Championships in Bloemfontein earlier this year. Following their outstanding performance, some of them were selected to represent South Africa at the recent Paralympics 2016 in Rio. Two members of the team, Jonathan Ntutu and Hilton Langenhoven, proudly returned home with three medals.



L – R Nita Müller (Air Products), Hilton Langenhoven, Arthi Govender (Air Products), and Jonathan Ntutu

The company's strategic CSI focus on the youth, education and long-term relationships has also led to the inception of a three-year project, WitnessHappiness. This initiative aims to support Early Childhood Centres (ECD) across the company's footprint in South Africa. The beneficiary in the Western Cape is the Aaron Figaji Crèche in Bellville.

"Air Products provided me with numerous opportunities over the years to make an impact. I believe in using each and every opportunity in life and would like to do the same in my new position. I trust that my industry, technical and commercial knowledge, coupled with input from my leadership team will enable me to manage the Western Cape region with great success," Müller comments.

"I am accepting this new challenge with renewed commitment and enthusiasm – placing customers at the forefront and focusing on service delivery and growth."

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