Overview of the Plastics Industry in South Africa
Who are we?

Plastics SA, the umbrella organisation for the South African plastics industry is registered as a Section 21 company, an association not for gain and is funded by membership fees based on sales of locally manufactured plastics raw material and contributions from other associations and importers.

Together with our associations we play an active role in the growth and development of the South African plastics industry. We strive to address plastics related issues, influence role players and to make plastics the material of choice.

Plastics SA represents all sectors of the South African Plastics Industry including polymer producers and importers, converters, machine suppliers, fabricators and recyclers.
Our Vision

To enable a vibrant and sustainable plastics industry in South Africa:

- Valued and respected by local and international industry, customers, suppliers, government, community and employees;
- Promoting the use of plastics as the material of choice;
- Developing the skills needed through accredited training programmes;
- Supporting environmentally responsible actions that benefit industry and society.
South African Plastics Industry

- Estimated 1800 convertors mainly SMME’s
- Apparent virgin material converted in 2013 is 1 400 000 tons and 280 000 recyclate
- Plastics industry employs > 60 000 people
- Approximately 55% of all polymer goes into packaging
- Market size ex converter is estimated to be around R 50 billion
Plastics Industry GDP Contribution

- South Africa GDP at 1,6%
- Manufacturing at 14,2%
- Defined as a priority sector by Government
Apparent Consumption of Virgin Plastics Materials
Europe (2010)
Packaging 39%
Automotive 7.5%
Building 39%
Electrical 5.6%
Other 27.3%
Plastics Trade Balance - Rands
Plastics Industry Skills Development and Innovation Cluster

- On the job training to develop new skills and procedures
- Improved efficiencies of equipment use
- Development of global testing benchmarks
- Reliable skilled operations to maintain standards
Integrated Approach to Beneficiation

Regulations and programmes
- PPPF / Tenders
- Job Creation
- Industrialisation
- SIP’s

Policy

Incentives
- Splitting Tariff Codes
- Trade Negotiations
- Imports/Exports Statistics

Trade
- Review
- Specific to sector
- Non tariff barriers

Standards
- Industry Sub-sector

Labour
- Laba

Export
- Export

Recycling
- Recycling

Labs/Testing Facilities
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Research and Development
- New Materials/Products
- Commercialisations
- Green Economy

Skills
- New Needs

Technology
- High Tech
- Energy Efficient

Investments
- Agreement neg. specific to products

Input Costs
- Appropriate Technology
- International/Local Transformation

Incentives
- Customised
- Appropriate criteria

IPAP
- Compliance

NDP

International Management
- Reliable and Cost effective
- Effective and efficient
- Correctly priced

Career Paths
- Skills Development

Logistics
- Separation at Source
- Design for Recycling

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