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Tuks Students Get First-Hand Mining Simulation At Bentley Park

Final year mining engineering students from the University of Pretoria recently had a taste of Murray & Roberts Cementation's highly effective simulated learning environment.

The company's world-class Training Academy at Bentley Park near Carletonville in Gauteng province offers a unique blend of e-learning and experiential learning in simulation conditions. The facility includes mock-ups of mine development areas and shafts, as well as a virtual reality blast wall which the Tuks students were able to experience.

With their leading-edge, technology-driven approach, executives from Murray & Roberts Cementation often lecture at local tertiary institutions and universities, adding to the knowledge base of students.

"The Tuks students were able to appreciate our targeted and holistic approach, in which we apply simulators in a blended learning experience," says Tony Pretorius, the education, training and development (ETD) executive at Murray & Roberts Cementation. "This improves the way we transfer knowledge and build capacity among South African companies, to strengthen and build the local mining sector."

Learners at Bentley Park complete structured e-learning modules, followed by visual training and pre-simulation training. They then undergo simulation training, followed by in-workplace learning using an actual machine under the direct supervision of a competent person.

"This is how we apply the situational leadership development model of 'Tell, Sell, Participate and Delegate'," says Pretorius.

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