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Hitachi-DST Scholarship Programme 2016 Call to South African Engineers

South Africa's Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Hitachi Ltd., a Japanese multinational corporation specialising in high-technology equipment including water, are inviting South African engineers to forward their applications for the 8th scholarship training programme offered in Japan. The objective of this programme is to enhance the capacity of South African engineers in the areas of water and sanitation treatment and service in support of South Africa's social infrastructure development programme. The two-month scholarship provides on-the-job training at Hitachi factories, visits to Japanese water utilities and a Japanese introductory course at the Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association (HIDA). The scholarship includes training fees, return flights to and from Japan, accommodation, local travel expenses in Japan, insurance and a food allowance for each successful candidate. Engineers that comply with all the following requirements are eligible to apply. Candidates must be: South African citizens; in good health, aged between 20 and 35 years old with at least three years' work experience; in possession of a four-year engineering qualification from either a university of technology or an academic university. The applicant should be in the employ of a South African Municipality and currently engaged in design, operations and maintenance, upgrading and modernisation, in the areas of water and waste water treatment and services.

The closing date for applications is 29 April 2016. Shortlisted candidates must attend a final selection interview in May at the DST offices in Pretoria. Five candidates will be selected by the end of May 2016 and the training programme will commence in September 2016. Please note that the 2016 scholarship is limited to the engineering field of water and waste water treatment. For an application form and guidelines as well as any inquiries relating to this Scholarship Programme, please contact Ms. Boitumelo Khutsoane or Ms. Elelwani Ramabulana at the Department of Science and Technology.

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