

Delfos & Atlas Copco Travel Grant

Your article on page 202 of the August 1993 *Journal* refers.

I was surprised to read that this grant was first introduced in 1984 as it was awarded to me (albeit under the auspices of The Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, London) as long ago as 1964, and I spent two very profitable months in Sweden at that time. Delfos & Atlas Copco were prominently involved in facilitating the arrangements, particularly Mr Maurice le Roy, who was then the Managing Director.

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I am fairly convinced that several South Africans benefited from this grant during the period 1964 to 1984, and do not think that Delfos & Atlas Copco should sell themselves short in publicizing their praiseworthy generosity, which goes back for nearly half a century.

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Editor's Note

This grant was first established in 'South Africa' in 1984.

Training in job-skills *

A South African mine is leading the way in providing alternative job-skills to staff in a bid to upgrade services in local communities and create greater economic empowerment.

In recent months, 85 employees of the Associated Manganese Mine (ASSMANG) in the Western Cape have learnt skills as diverse as candlemaking, shoemaking, concrete-product manufacturing, and brick production through a newly established community training centre. The centre has been established by Rutec, a private Johannesburg company specializing in helping people help themselves through practical no-frills training programmes.

ASSMANG manager, Mr Jan Steenkamp, says: 'We at ASSMANG are firmly of the opinion that the industry has

a responsibility to surrounding communities. By equipping people with a variety of skills, it means that the local economy is given a boost. The long-term results are, hopefully, greater spending power and an increase in standards of living.'

The ASSMANG vision is based on the Rutec concept of self-sufficient village economies. This allows individuals to make and to trade goods and services in their immediate environment. Four ASSMANG employees have been trained to become micro-enterprise consultants. Their role is to offer financial advice and basic training on how to run a successful home business.

Because of the success of the project, ASSMANG is hoping to extend its involvement to other communities in the Postmasburg area.

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