**PRESS RELEASE**

Height Wise hosts Career Day with Johannesburg Central College

*19 February, 2013: In an effort to create awareness about the career opportunities available in the work at height sector, leading height safety consulting and training provider Height Wise Training Academy recently hosted its first work at height Careers Day at its training venue in Halfway House, Midrand.*

The Careers Day, which was facilitated by work at heights specialist consultant **Louis Roodt** and Height Wise **senior project manager** **Jansen Madike**, was aimed at a group of final year Mechanical Engineering students from the Central Johannesburg College – a public Further Education and Training College with six campuses across Johannesburg.

Height Wise Academy director **Penny Fabricius** says that creating enthusiasm and interest through the launch of the Height Wise Careers Days is paramount to securing skills development and an able pool of professionals for the future growth of working at heights in South Africa.

Roodt and Madike pointed out to the students that obtaining a work at heights qualification, coupled with another technical qualification such as mechanical engineering, have the scope to develop a career in a variety of industries across the world. By obtaining a work at heights qualification, the group of students from the Central Johannesburg College would have the ability to work on a number of applications in a variety of industries from a design, manufacture and maintenance point of view.

Students from the college were presented to on the various work at heights courses available through Height Wise Training Academy, which includes fall arrest technician, basic fall arrest technician, fall protection planning and rope access technician, practitioner and supervisor.

Speaking on skills development within the work at height industry, Fabricius says : “The challenges in the work at height sector mirror the employment challenges for industry at large. We support the spirit and intent of the Skills Development Act to improve employability of work seekers and plan to host more career days. The aim is to encourage young people with technical skills to also become professionally qualified rope access technicians.”

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**About Height Wise**

Height Wise provides training either at our new state-of-the-art, in-house training venue in Midrand or onsite (at clients’ premises), to give learners the full benefit of applying height safety practices.

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