



## Inspiring Local Pupils at the Engineering Outreach Day

*Commitment to the Altair STEM initiative*

**Stellenbosch South Africa, 13 July 2016** - [Altair](#) South Africa recently hosted a group of 46 enthusiastic Grade 11 pupils from schools in the area as part of their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) initiative and to expose them to the opportunities available in the engineering field.

"The main criteria to attend the day was obviously an interest in studying in engineering. This is the second year we have hosted the event and were thrilled with the response - the number has doubled from last year," explains Gronum Smith, Country Manager of Altair SA.

The invitation was extended to all schools in the area including, Eerste Rivier Secondary School, Malibu High, Oval Engineering School, Paul Roos Gymnasium, Kayamandi High and Rhenish Girls High in Stellenbosch, La Rochelle in Paarl, De Kuilen in Kuils River and Parel Vallei and Hottentots Holland in Somerset West.

"We aimed to cover all the engineering disciplines with presentations, success stories as well as personal insights into our world," said Gronum. Presentations from Denel Spaceteq, the CHPC, Garmin (iKubu), Mix Telematics, Stellenbosch University, Sustnet, School of Engineering and EMSS Antennas were on the agenda.

All the pupils were open minded, interactive and extremely appreciative of the initiative. The common thread throughout the day by all the presenters was work hard, be passionate, take risks, be entrepreneurial and realise that learning never ends.

The aim of the day was that the students left feeling inspired with the possibilities available to them in the future. One pupil's response epitomised this - "this conference inspired me be patriotic to South Africa and it would be a privilege to be an engineer in this country!"

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