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PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

Project scope:

- Increase testing capacity by a factor of 25%
- Reducing testing turn-around-times by a factor of 50% (8 to 4 testing weeks)

Issues:

- Company tax problems with the sole bidder on first two tenders published by the SABS
- 3rd tender process sole bidder tax problems with SARS cleared
- Conflict of interest with the winning bidder established by the SABS audit review
- Winning bidder was employed by the UNDP to develop project specification for SABS (*Winning bidder disqualified*)

Developments:

- New project specification developed by the SABS and also eliminating the constraining tender review criteria (bidder membership with instrumentation alliance)
- SABS Procurement went on open tender for the 4th time in October 2019
- Tender closed on the 31 October 2019
- Only two bids received and following SABS tender review process
- Tender process envisaged to conclude by January 2020

PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

Background:

- Project looking into testing for LED lighting technology
- 20% investment on safety testing scope completed by the SABS (*Photobiological UV equipment*)
- UNDP commits to funding 66.7% capital investment to fully capacitate laboratory (*Theo to update*)
- SABS has gone out to tender on the balance capex assets and awaiting order deliveries

Developments:

- Positive industry interest received on news of the SABS plans to building capacity in the SSL testing space
- SABS attended the "6th Meeting of BRICS Solid State Lighting Collaboration Working Group" held in Beijing
- China leading with the roll-out of switching over to SSL/LED type lighting
- Testing and regulation under development for all BRICS countries (SA may be the first to conclude on regulation)
- Partnership, testing research collaborations under discussion to help expedite testing development for BRICS

TESTING STATUS:

- Test capacity: 3 tests in parallel
- Optimal test capacity: 4 tests in parallel *(subject to geyser lab project upgrade)*
- Current average test duration: 8 weeks
- Optimal average test duration: 4 weeks *(subject to geyser lab project upgrade)*

Development:

- The NRCS has stated enforcing the regulation VC9006
- Big issue on customer failure to submitting samples complying requirement to qualify for testing, however,
- NRCS working on closing these gaps with the SABS

We are open to receive more tests requests in this LAB

TESTING STATUS:

- Test capacity: 8 tests in parallel
- Current average test duration: 3 weeks

Development:

- Test area very sensitive to power stability and with municipality issues in: quality of supply, cable thefts, loadshedding do compromise turnaround time commitments
- Procurement process into the installation of the generator and UPS system underway

We are open to receive more tests requests in this LAB

TESTING STATUS:

- Test capacity: 4 tests in parallel
- Current average test duration: 2 weeks

Developments:

- First report issue in the space October 2019
- Engaged the NRCS to confirm acceptance of report to ensure no comebacks of the report submission
- Current position, we have no WIP in the lab at the moment

We are open to receive more tests requests in this LAB

Testing Status:

- Test capacity: 2 tests in parallel (2 sets for reference units)
- Estimated average test duration: 2/3 weeks

Issues:

- VDE has advised of the need of water process plant to process water hardness and by standard, water hardness need be tested twice a day (at the moment this verification is done through the SABS water Lab reported once a week)
- Poor testing process design, very human intensive at least 5 personnel required to test one unit (2 x Graduates mission critical resources to assist close the man-hour issue underway)

Development:

• Capex motivations to fund project underway going through SABS DoA

We are NOT yet ready to receive tests requests in this LAB

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Energy Efficiency Training by VDE

High Level Training Scope:

- Evaluation of SABS testing capabilities and capacity in the EE testing space
- Close gaps on understanding and interpretation of standards by testing staff
- Help streamline testing methods as well as test processes

Training Plan/Structure:

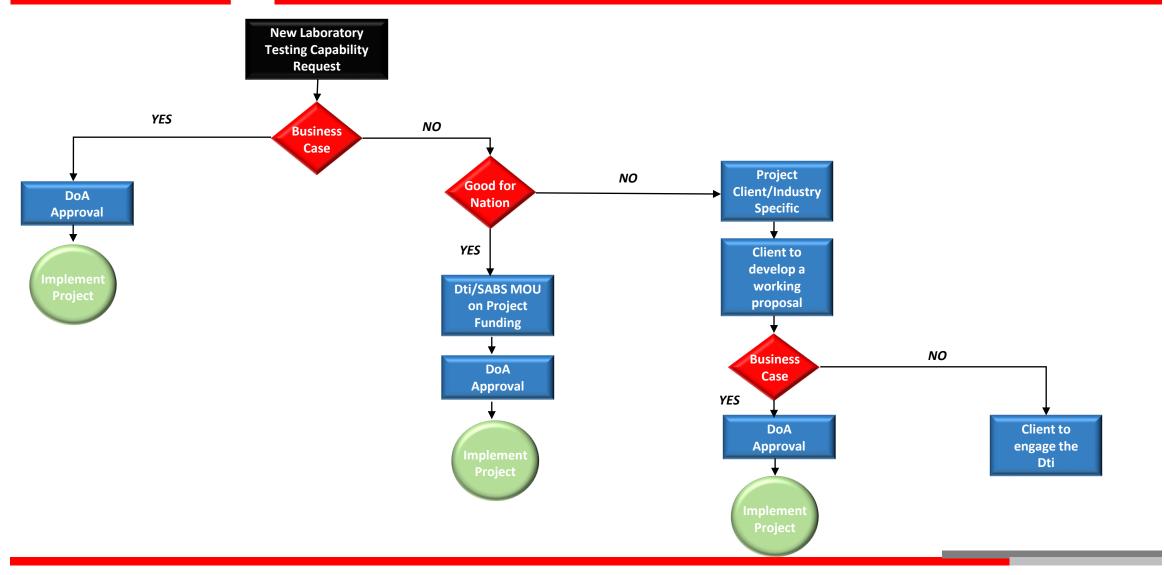
- Session 1: VDE project lead evaluates all SABS processes/Labs and use info to structure training focus points (Aug 2019)
- Session 2: VDE associated space test specialist visits the SABS facility to conduct training (*Dec 2019*)
- Session 3: SABS testing staff visits VDE (Germany) facility for further training (Jan 2020)

Session 1 Outcomes:

- Confirmed major man-hour gap (improvement through appointment of Graduates started)
- Capex process started to close gap on water treatment system/plant
- Need to invest in localize lab condition system as well as UPS systems to the EE labs

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SABS Model for Developing LAB Testing Capability







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