

# SkillsTrain Distribution expands its offering

**S**killsTrain Distribution is a specialised niche market importer and distributor for global publishers and digital platforms. The company has its own e-learning platform run by Dave Augustyn and has put most higher educational platforms in place for various varsities and colleges.

SkillsTrain Distribution was founded by Linda Botha who has been in the importing and distribution arena for many years. She is an entrepreneur and member of the Women President's Organisation who has been nominated against some of the top women in business at the Women in Business Awards and National Business Award she has recently over the past two years won three international awards.

Botha's focus is drive and passion for education and assisting learners,

colleges and private institutions in being the best that they can be and assisting all to achieve the success and excellence in all fields. She is passionate about the fire and EMS services ensuring her market is made aware of the latest products and training opportunities to learn and grow whether it be an E-pub, print book, digital contract or life-saving products.

The Flaim training unit is cutting edge technology and allows students through the real life experience of virtual reality to learn through all the simulations the actual skills required, so when it comes to a real life emergency they are prepared and the clean green mission value statement is what the Flaim Trainer and the Portable Virtual Reality Training units are all about.

Flaim Trainer was developed by Professor James Mullins a Deakin



**SkillsTrain Distribution founder Linda Botha**

University professor and is backed by Darley USA. "We currently have over 40 real life scenarios on each of the units from aviation, mining, high-rise, size-up, incident command, domestic as in kitchen fires to maritime and constantly adding to the list", said Botha.

"We can structure an enterprise licence of accredited courses to these specialised sectors. Another example is that of the agri-sector

▶ ETS is staying relevant by continuously introducing self-study programmes, supported by instructors and an online preparation system. The online/self-study option is aimed at employed emergency response practitioners with

workplace experience. Candidates have the opportunity to prepare and study at their own pace and select a date for assessment. IFSAC certification follows a process of in-person theoretical and skills assessments thereafter.

ETS also provides the services of qualified and experienced on-site emergency responders. "Our emergency response teams have worked at various sites in Mpumalanga and Gauteng, into Africa as far as Mauritania," said John Akal, "Clients should contact us if they require assistance integrating training programmes into their emergency planning and preparedness strategy."

ETS also looks forward to hosting the fourth Industrial Emergency Response Team Competition on the 27 October 2022. Not only will the challenging competition events culminate in some great prizes and trophies being won, but each and every competitor will receive recognition for having participated in realistic simulated emergency drills, which is at least an annual requirement for response teams.



**ETS provides the services of trained and experienced emergency response personnel**

focusing on climate change, soil erosion etc. Adding to our list of partners is that of Bizzco for supply chain management courses, locally and internationally accredited as well as short courses that are now all available on the SkillsTrain platform,” said Botha.

“SkillsTrain’s specialised services are delivered to various industry specialised sectors and focuses on Southern Africa and across our borders. We meet the specialised needs of higher education, whether it be an EMS college, mining, manufacturing, defence or maritime, aviation or retail, we have the solution for you”, she added.

“SkillsTrain is constantly looking at new solutions to benefit you the client saving you time resources and helping you with your bottom line. SkillsTrain is a flexible company that works to keep its clients happy and supported. As SkillsTrain moves forwards, our strategy will be to run more webinars informative with expert panels delivering question and answer sessions to all and in the process assisting people in life saving situations to hopefully have received the tips they needs and call centre numbers on hand.”

“We are very excited about the future and what 2022/2023 will bring. The company is currently in communication with a large medical company Kiara Medhealth that has been appointed to take two new medical products to market. The one is a Vortron disposable ventilator called the Go2vent, which is aimed at rural areas and communities in need with doctors and nurses on call, this disposable



ventilator will definitely assist in saving many lives.

Skillstrain will look at assisting in reaching the right companies in sub Saharan Africa. We have recently collaborated with a company and will be offering on-line EMR courses with for CPD points for completion.

Additionally, we are constantly looking at more partners to add specialised value to the EMS and fire training market and the company is in negotiation with a medical company for simulations in the medical training field, which will be a good fit with the Flaim Virtual Reality Training Unit.” ▲



The Vortron disposable ventilator, the Go2vent

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