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As the world seeks cleaner alternatives to traditional energy sources, SP-Wind stands at the forefront, providing reliable solutions to play our part in growing and developing the wind industry. The new website offers something for everyone interested in the future of the wind energy industry.

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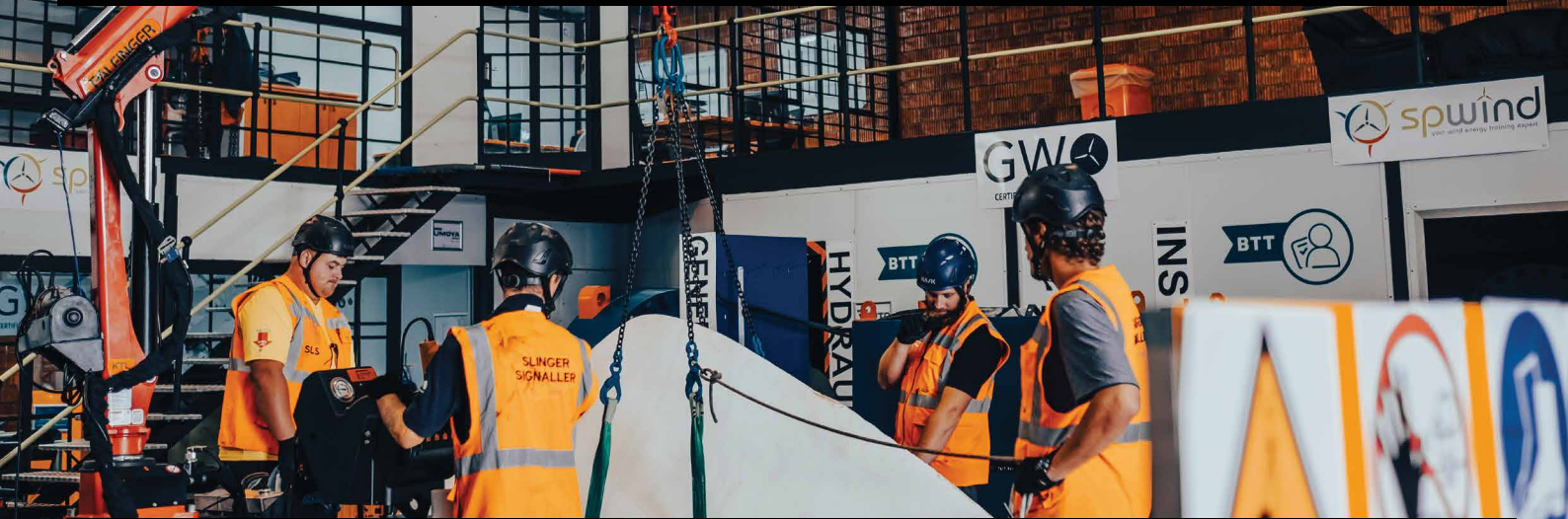


We bring you a newly revamped website designed to enhance your user experience and accessibility. The sleek interface offers you easy access to comprehensive information about SP-Wind's cutting-edge wind energy solutions, from GWO training, gear and PPE to statutory inspections and more. With an intuitive layout and engaging multimedia content,

the website serves as a hub for wind industry professionals, investors, and clients. Visitors can explore our success stories and participant and client testimonials, showcasing our commitment to customer satisfaction. The launch of the new website signals our commitment to transparency and innovation, in the renewable energy sector.



# NEW IN-HOUSE CRANE



*Another milestone achieved!*

We are proud to share a significant milestone and memorable moment for SP-Wind's training division, as our brand-new in-house crane recently saw its inaugural use in instructional duty in a series of highly anticipated training sessions.

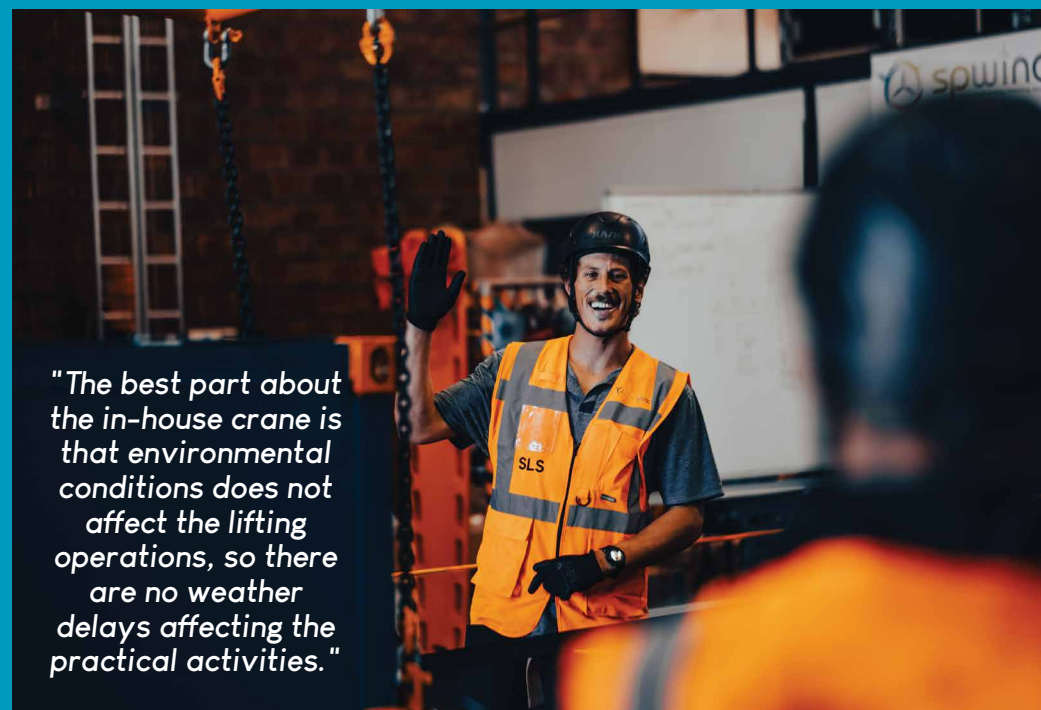
The crane was used for the first time for GWO Slinger Signaller training, providing participants experience in effectively directing crane operations—a crucial aspect of safety and efficiency in wind turbine installations. Following this successful debut, it seamlessly transitioned into facilitating Crane and Hoist Basic User training, which also marked the inaugural run of the GWO Crane and Hoist Basic User course in the entirety of Africa and the Middle East.

We asked our experienced GWO instructor, JP Landman, for his insights about his experience with the use of the new in-house crane for the first time for Slinger Signaller training, as a valuable addition to GWO training at SP-Wind, how it differed to the use of the

larger outdoor cranes and how the use of the new equipment aligns with the broader goals of SP-Wind's training development initiatives.

*"This was an amazing experience. The best part about the in-house crane is that environmental conditions does not affect the lifting operations, so there are no weather delays affecting the practical activities. With regards to safety considerations and using an in-house crane for training vs an outdoor crane, the components being used for lifting operations*

*with the in-house crane, are much more compact and does not weigh as much, so it's easier to simulate emergency situations and test participants' skills on a broader spectrum. In the past, a big challenge with the use of the outdoor cranes, was the unpredictable weather conditions. I would have to assess the weather for the following day and sometimes had to improvise the training schedule to work around the weather challenges. With the availability of the in-house crane there's no need for that as there are no environmental conditions*



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Beyond the practical skills acquired, the successful execution of these training sessions symbolises a broader commitment to excellence and innovation at SP-Wind. By investing in state-of-the-art equipment and offering cutting-edge training programs, we are not only empowering both our participants and instructors with the instructing and learning tools they need to succeed but also raising the bar for safety and proficiency in safety training across the industry.

*that can affect the practical aspects of crane operation training inside the facility. With the in-house crane permanently installed, we will use the opportunity to further develop and improve our practical exercises for lifting training and in the future grow our GWO lifting standards scope.”*

The training sessions were met with enthusiasm from participants who welcomed the opportunity to learn and practice their skills in a

controlled environment. Our experienced GWO BST instructor, Juandr  Niemand, swapped his position as an instructor, for a participant seat in Slinger Signaller training. Juandr  provided feedback on his first lifting operations course sharing that “the whole training session were memorable”. As an instructor, he understands the challenges experienced in the past with regards to the use of outdoor cranes and weather condition delaying the practical aspects of lifting training.

As we reflect on this momentous occasion, we look forward to the continued impact of our training initiatives and the positive ripple effects they will have on the future of new and experienced individuals in the wind industry. With our in-house crane leading the way, SP-Wind remains steadfast in our mission to shape a safer, more skilled workforce for the wind energy landscape of tomorrow. **SP**





# OPEN DAY

17 MAY 2024



*Inviting all wind industry professionals and enthusiasts!*

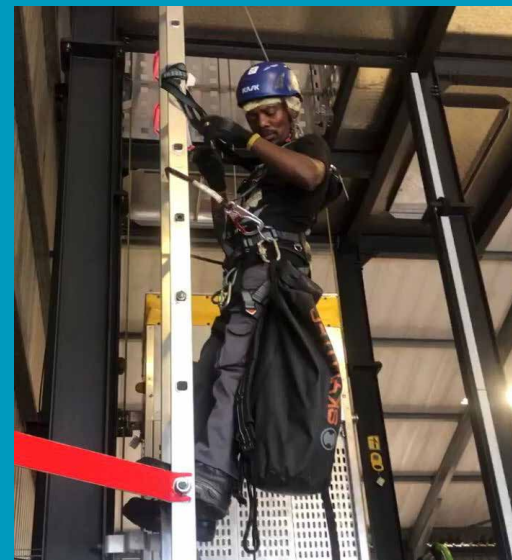
Join us on 17 May for our Open Day! As the leading training provider for wind turbine technicians in Africa and the Middle East, we invite industry professionals and enthusiasts to explore our state-of-the-art training facility. This year, we focus on digitalization as an intricate part of the future of our training systems and solutions. Join us and network with technicians, IPPs, service providers and manufacturers for a day filled with excitement and collaboration. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the forefront of innovation! Reach out to us and let us know if you are joining us.



## KWESTA'S BST Training

The induction of a new team member marks not just the addition of fresh talent, but also the reinforcement of SP-Wind's commitment to maintaining a secure work environment. Our latest recruit has recently undergone Basic Safety Training (BST) as part of his onboarding process. The BST training serves as a foundational step, ensuring that every team member is equipped with the essential knowledge and skills to navigate our workspaces with confidence and vigilance.

Kwesta shared feedback about his BST training experience: "I was very excited about doing the BST training. My favourite part of the training was Working at Heights, especially learning about gear and PPE and putting it



to use in practical training and doing the rescue. I found First Aid to be the most challenging part of BST training, because it was a new subject to me."