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MOBILE TRAINING CENTRE *Road Ready*

SP-Wind has unveiled a first-of-its-kind Mobile Training Centre, bringing world-class wind energy training directly to technicians in remote areas.

The 9-metre trailer and rigid truck include classrooms, tool benches, electrical panels, mechanical components, and safety equipment. It delivers GWO Basic Technical Training (Electrical, Mechanical, Installation, Bolt Tightening), Basic Safety Training (Working at Heights, First Aid, Manual Handling, Fire Awareness), plus specialist modules such as Service Lift User, Advanced

Rescue, Enhanced First Aid, and Crane & Hoist Basic User. Launching in South Africa's Mpumalanga Province, the Mobile Training Centre will support the Just Energy Transition and expand into new markets across Africa, including Kenya, Namibia, Ghana, and Egypt.

For clients, the advantage is flexibility: training happens on-site, reducing travel, downtime, and costs while keeping teams certified.

Developed in-house in under a year, the Mobile Training Centre proves SP-Wind's ability to innovate and

lead. More than a truck, it's a statement — Africa is driving training innovation in renewable energy.

By Paulo Cordeiro



BEYOND THE TOWER *Seamless Site Supervision*



At SP-Wind, seamless operations start with clear, regular communication. “SP-Wind ensures smooth coordination through clear, regular communication with contractors and site owners,” says Shawn Lings. Barend adds, “Our Supervisors and Team Leaders meet every morning to review tasks, then share updates with each team so everyone knows the plan, rules, and regulations.”

Of course, no site is free from challenges. High winds and sudden plan changes are part of the job, but adaptability is key. “We take advantage of the low-wind days so we don’t fall behind and set up clear channels to prepare for disruptions,” explains Shawn. Barend agrees: “Quick changes or delays from other companies can be a challenge, but we work hard to keep them to a minimum.”

Safety is the backbone of every project. It’s built into daily toolbox talks, close supervision, and a commitment to HSE regulations. “By

conducting toolbox talks and supervising installations, we ensure HSE rules are always followed,” says Shawn. Barend echoes this: “Applying all the safety regulations allows us to work more effectively and continue operations smoothly.” Both stress the importance of leadership in high-pressure moments—staying calm, giving clear instructions, and ensuring the correct PPE is used so technicians build strong hazard awareness.

Keeping teams motivated is another part of the job. “We celebrate milestones and create a positive environment where technicians feel valued,” says Shawn. Barend adds, “I make sure my team has a clear understanding of the task at hand. With focus and encouragement, they can work safely and confidently, even in tough conditions.”

For clients and partners, seamless site supervision means better results and fewer delays. “We provide the best results by being consistent in

our workforce and supervisors,” says Shawn. Barend points out that clear communication keeps clients informed and projects moving. Both agree that SP-Wind goes above and beyond—tailoring training, assisting with civil operations, and staying engaged all the way through commissioning and handover.

At SP-Wind, supervision is more than oversight. It’s leadership, teamwork, and safety that turn challenges into achievements. Beyond the tower, we deliver seamless solutions—because excellence on-site is just the beginning.

Featuring Shawn Lings
& Barend Greyling

VISION TO ACTION *Our Journey in Wind*

Every company has a starting point, a moment where an idea turns into action. For SP-Wind, that moment came with a vision to raise safety standards in the growing wind industry and to create opportunities for people to build lasting careers in it.

SP-Wind began in 2017 with the idea of creating a dedicated training centre for the wind industry. After months of planning and construction, the foundation for something new in South Africa was in place.

By 2018, we achieved our first GWO certification for Basic Safety Training (BST), opening the door to professional wind industry training in the country. Growth followed quickly. In 2019, we added BTT modules, building more capacity and broadening our offering.

The arrival of COVID-19 in 2020 was a turning point. Instead of slowing down, we adapted, gaining approval to deliver partial digital refreshers. This step into blended learning marked the start of our digital transformation.

In 2021, our reach extended beyond South Africa. We delivered training in Egypt, Jordan, and Kenya, while expanding our scope with additional GWO modules. This positioned SP-Wind as one of the most comprehensive providers in Africa and the Middle East.

With demand rising, 2022 saw our training centre expand to 1,100 m², ensuring we could deliver high-quality training at scale.

The next year, in 2023, we pioneered the Instructor Qualification Training (IQT) module, hosting the world's first pilot and becoming

the first provider globally to deliver it. Innovation continued in 2024 with the launch of Crane and Hoist training. Using equipment that mirrors real wind industry operations, we ensured trainees gained practical, high-fidelity experience and left site-ready. That same year, our team was honoured with the GWO Safety & Training Award for Best Training Team of the Year.

Now, in 2025, we are preparing to launch our mobile training centre, taking SP-Wind's expertise to new regions across Africa.

Each milestone has built on the last, shaping a story of growth, resilience, and a passion for raising safety standards in the wind industry.



JAYNE VAN DER NEST



SP-Wind's Young Achiever Finalist



"Curiosity is what drives me—asking bold questions, challenging the norm, and never settling for 'good enough.' I believe that's how we find smarter, safer ways to work and grow. Real change happens when you stay curious, think differently, and keep showing up with purpose."

We are thrilled to share that Jayne has been shortlisted for the GWO Safety & Training Awards in the Young Achiever of the Year!

Jayne has quickly made her mark in the wind industry, bringing energy, fresh thinking and an uncompromising focus on safety.



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