TE/CSIR Strategic Partnership

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1 Understanding current and future environment

Strategic partnerships/ alliances

Clear value proposition(s)

Ease of doing business with the CSIR

Profile CSIR as key institution for creating national and continental impact

Status

- 5 Projects have been approved and submitted to Transnet Procurement.
- 4 Projects are still in the scoping phase and will be submitted in the next 2 months.
- The first lab in building 44 has been completed and occupied by 15 engineers.
- The second lab in building 44 will be ready in August.
- Transnet has appointed an architect for the building 21 project and want to start construction before the end of the year.

Strategic Interaction

TE requested the CSIR to assist in the development of a Transnet Engineering R,D&I strategy.
 A two day workshop has been scheduled for next week.

Capabilities Required

• The regenerative energy and power electronics expertise on campus are limited. Investment is needed to extend the capabilities (HCD and Labs) to support Transnet in the future.

Issues

- Procuring the services of the CSIR within the PFMA is a challenge
- Sugen has indicated that only receiving building 21 in 2015 is a possible problem. Transnet
 wants to have a signing ceremony as soon as possible.