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## **Lesedi Nuclear Services - Welding and Fabrication Services Business Unit - Press Release**

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### **Lesedi achieves ISO 3834-2 Welding and Fabrication certification**

Once again Lesedi has come up trumps and has proved its systems to be top notch. As a result, we were awarded the prestigious ISO 3834 - 2 welding and fabrication certification by SAIW (SA institute of Welding)

The Welding & Fabrication Services business unit was established approximately one and a half years ago to service the ever growing number of projects that is being awarded to Lesedi. Much of the quality system is common to all of Lesedi's sites and is based upon the ISO 9001 2000 standards. Because of the specialised nature of its business, additional procedures were required to comply with the requirements of ASME and ANSI standards.

The Lesedi QA and QC departments documented and implemented the new procedures with a brand new workforce. A lot of training was required in order to familiarise the workforce with the objects and needs for a documented quality system. The systems, now in place for some time, have become a way of life for the workforce.

It was decided that the time was right to attempt certification for the prestigious ISO 3834 -2 Standard for welding and fabrication. Following this decision, the certification body, SAIW, was contacted and an audit date set for the 20th August 2008. Two auditors spent the day in the workshop facility and at our Atlantis GAS1 site going into great detail with their sampling activities, extensively testing Lesedi's audit-relevant systems.

The observation and notes taken during the audit were discussed at the closing meeting, following the audit process. Apart from 3 minor observations, no non-conformities were noted during the audit process. The final outcome was that the auditors had no hesitation in recommending certification to the standard.

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