

		<b>Unit ID: 1429</b>
<b>Domain Title:</b>	<b>HYDROMETALLURGICAL PROCESSING Filter liquids from solids in a metallurgical plant</b>	
<b>Level: 2</b>	<b>Credits: 7</b>	

### Purpose

This unit standard is intended for those who carry out metallurgical processing operations. People holding credit for this unit standard are able to: Plan and prepare for filtering liquids from solids; conduct pre-operational checks; demonstrate knowledge relating to the filtration of liquids from solids; filter liquids from solids; carry out routine operator maintenance; and complete duties pertaining to the filtration process.

### Special Notes

1. Entry information:

#### Prerequisite

- 1449 - *Comply with health, safety and environmental rules and regulations pertaining to processing operations; or demonstrated equivalent knowledge and skills.*

2. Assessment evidence may be collected from a real workplace or a simulated workplace in which hydrometallurgy operations are carried out.
3. This unit standard include the filtering and pressing process.
4. Safe working practices include day-to-day observation of safety policies and procedures and compliance with emergency procedures.
5. Specifications refer to any, or all of the following: manufacturer's specifications and recommendations, and workplace specific requirements.
6. Performance of all elements in this unit standard must comply with relevant regulatory, legislative, workplace requirements and/or manufacturers' specifications.
7. Regulations and legislation, including subsequent amendments, relevant to this unit standard may include but are not limited to the following:
  - Labour Act, No. 11, 2007
  - Mineral Act, No. 33, 1992
  - Mine Health and Safety Regulations, 1999
  - Regulations relating to the Health and Safety of employees at work, 1997 and all industry specific regulations, legislations, code of practice, or code of conduct.

## **Quality Assurance Requirements**

This unit standard and others within this subfield may be awarded by institutions which meet the accreditation requirements set by the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority and which comply with the national assessment and moderation requirements. Details of specific accreditation requirements and the national assessment arrangements are available from the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority. All approved unit standards, qualifications and national assessment arrangements are available on the Namibia Training Authority website [www.nta.com.na](http://www.nta.com.na).

## **Elements and Performance Criteria**

### **Element 1: Plan and prepare for filtering liquids from solids**

#### **Performance Criteria**

- 1.1 Work instructions, including plans, specifications, quality requirements and operational details are obtained, explained, clarified and applied to the allocated task.
- 1.2 Safety and security requirements, including personal protective clothing and equipment are obtained from the site safety plan, workplace policies and procedures, explained, and applied to the allocated task.
- 1.3 Equipment, tools, accessories selected to carry out tasks are checked for consistency with the requirements of the job, their usability and any faults rectified or reported prior to commencement of work.
- 1.4 Environmental protection requirements are identified from the project environmental management plan and applied to the allocated task.
- 1.5 Work area is inspected and prepared according to workplace procedures.

### **Element 2: Conduct pre-operational checks**

#### **Performance Criteria**

- 2.1 Filter press cloth, plates good, hydraulic pump, reservoir, fluid, and water levels are checked and adjusted according to manufacturer's specifications.

- 2.2 Bolts, nuts, guide beams, guards and attachment couplings are tightened or secured, and maintained.
- 2.3 Functions of control and gauges are checked and adjusted where necessary to comply with manufacturer's specifications.
- 2.4 Standard start-up and shutdown procedures are conducted according to manufacturer's specifications.

### **Element 3: Demonstrate knowledge relating to the filtration of liquids from solids**

#### **Performance Criteria**

- 3.1 The importance of separating liquids from solids by means of filtration is explained in terms of achieving specified production requirements.
- 3.2 Hazards and associated risks associated to the filtration process are identified through relevant risk assessment procedures.
- 3.3 The principle components of the selected filtration system are identified and their functions described in terms of design and operational requirements.
- 3.4 The plant-specific colour coding and symbolic signs pertaining to the filtration process are explained.
- 3.5 Factors affecting the optimum performance of the selected filtration process are described in terms of cause and impact.
- 3.6 Corrective actions, in case of sub-standards conditions and problems encountered, are described.

### **Element 4: Filter liquids from solids**

#### **Performance Criteria**

- 4.1 Workplace hazards and associated risks are identified, minimised or eliminated according to workplace procedures and legislative requirements.
- 4.2 The start-up of the filtration process is conducted according to workplace procedures.
- 4.3 The feed is started and the filtration process is monitored and controlled according to workplace procedures.
- 4.4 If necessary, corrective and/or reporting actions are taken according to workplace procedures.
- 4.5 The filtration process is consistent with environmental policy and other specified requirements.

## **Element 5: Carry out routine operator maintenance**

### **Range**

Maintenance, replacement or other maintenance may include but is not limited to recloth a press filter.

### **Performance Criteria**

- 5.1 Workplace hazards and associated risks are described, identified, minimised or eliminated according to workplace procedures and legislative requirements.
- 5.2 The work area is prepared in readiness for maintenance work to be carried out
- 5.3 Maintenance, replacement or other maintenance is carried out within scope of responsibility according to manufacturer's specifications and workplace procedures.
- 5.4 System is restored to operational status and relevant documentation completed.

## **Element 6: Complete duties pertaining to the filtration process**

### **Range**

Housekeeping may include but is not limited to ensure the work area is ready for next user; remove work materials to designated locations; correctly identify waste and re-usable material; and remove waste and re-usable materials to designated locations.

### **Performance Criteria**

- 6.1 Task-specific tools, personal protective and safety equipment, are cleaned, maintained and stored for further use according to workplace procedures.
- 6.2 Good housekeeping practices are maintained according to workplace procedures.
- 6.3 Reporting and recording requirements are met according to workplace procedures.
- 6.4 Work related documents are completed according to job requirements and workplace procedures.

## **Registration Data**

<b>Subfield:</b>	Metallurgy
<b>Date first registered:</b>	28 September 2016
<b>Date this version registered:</b>	28 September 2016
<b>Anticipated review:</b>	2021
<b>Body responsible for review:</b>	Namibia Training Authority