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Last year a series of Lead Free Seminars were held here, supported by the SMART Group in the UK, as a result of their success and the momentum they generated within the Electronics Industry a meeting was held on Monday 2nd July at Avnet Kopp offices. Attending were key players from across the Industry, encompassing Component Supply, Electronics Design, Manufacturing, Education, Media, Equipment and Consumables Supply. This well supported meeting, chaired by Keith Bryant from SMART UK, has led to the formation of SMART Group SA. The Mission Statement of this technology based group is:

SMART Group SA Aims to Promote the Advancement of the South African Electronics Industry through the Education, Training and Notification of its Members in Surface Mount and Related Assembly Technologies, and by the Promotion of a Community of Electronics Industry Professionals.

This is to be accomplished by Active Encouragement of Member Inter-activity, through Meetings, Seminars, Conferences and Publication of Technical Information. The SMART Group SA Invites and Requires the Active Participation of all its Members in these Aims.

A website is up and running and the first seminar and workshop will take place in week 44, details on this and how to join will be in the press soon.

Keith Bryant said "this is a very good day for the future of the electronics industry in SA"

A Steering and Technical Committee has been elected as follows

Steering Committee

Steve Eglinton (Chairman)
Rion Fullard (Vice Chairman)
Dieter Beisiegel
Dr. SJ Jacobs
Hannes Liebenberg
Noel Honey
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