



BRASA 'welds' professional development with community spirit

BRASA recently opened the doors of a new purpose-built welding school 'Escola de Solda Brasa-Senai', in an important sustainability initiative involving both the local community and partners.



Hand-in-hand with the opening of the new facilities, BRASA also launched a Welding Professional Training Program which will provide employees and local residents with top industry-level training, in healthy and environmentally sound surroundings.

The new school and training program fit into BRASA's wider objective to raise training levels and know-how. Classes offering initial training in welding processes, and following technical, quality, health, environmental and safety standard procedures will be open to both existing BRASA employees for ongoing training and excellence, as well as to apprentice welders resident in the Ilha da Conceição and neighboring districts to learn the trade.

The facility and program will allow a total of 26 students to follow a 250-hour program covering theoretical and practical

the school. The first foundations were laid in late 2015, and following a successful construction period, the school's opening event was held on March 8, with classes beginning the following day.

Several other partners also made significant contributions, from ITW Welding Brasil who provided welding equipment; to SENAI (Serviço Nacional de Aprendizagem Industrial - the National Service for Industrial Training, a network of not-for-profit secondary level professional schools) who supplied teaching staff and educational material; Carbografite who provided equipment and accessories for cutting plates; Elbras and Denver who provided electrodes; FIRJAN - the Industry Federation of the State of Rio de Janeiro - and SBM Offshore, who provided the school's extraction and filtering system.

SBM is proud to support this project which offers increased efficiency, safety and knowledge in welding and cutting and reinforces our commitment to strengthen relationships with the community and promote local economic development.



aspects of welding expertise and cutting, from SMAW, GTAW, and FCAW welders, to SAW Operators, OGC Cutters, PAC Cutters, and GAW gouging of various materials (Carbon Steel, Stainless Steel, Duplex, Stainless Steel, CuNi and Inconel).

Completion of the program will give greater employability to local non-BRASA trainees, and may also potentially lead to future employment opportunities, subject to the shipyard's immediate needs.



The welding school project demonstrates the spirit of teamwork, with a host of partners having worked closely together to turn the initiative into reality. BRASA shipyard took the lead by providing the initial construction, site and material services for

