Established in 2002, the Umkhumbane Entrepreneurial Support Centre (UESC) exists mainly to contribute to the broader development of manufacturing businesses in the eThekwini Municipal area. The incubation programme provides assistance to businesses operating in glass and aluminium, upholstery, footwear, sheet metal, furniture, food and beverage, engineering, glue, hot and cold insulation, as well as hygiene and sanitary products.

A rigorous recruitment process is applied for this programme which includes the signing of a three year lease agreement for the premises at UESC. Special care has been taken in creating a developmental component to the programme through the services of training consultants. The Business Development Programme imparts invaluable skills such as marketing, operations, human resources and finance management skills to business on the programme to ensure their sustainability post the programme.

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