#### APPLY MATERIAL SCIENCE PRINCIPLES

UNIT CODE: ENG/OS/QS/CC/03/6/A

### **Unit Description:**

This unit describes the competencies required by a Quantity Surveyor in order to apply material science principles. It involves analyzing properties of engineering materials, utilize engineering materials, performing heat treatment, material testing and identifying corrosion and its prevention.

#### ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
These describe the key	These are assessable statements which specify the required
outcomes which make up	level of performance for each of the elements
workplace function	(Bold and italicized terms are elaborated in the Range)
1. Analyse properties of	1.1 Type of engineering materials are identified as per
engineering materials	prescribed procedures
	1.2 <i>Physical properties</i> of engineering material are determined
	according material specifications
	1.3 <i>Mechanical properties</i> of engineering materials are
	identified according to material specifications
	1.4 Crystal structures of materials and their characteristics are
	analysed according to material specifications
2. Utilise <i>engineering</i>	2.1 Identify and select engineering material according to
materials	production requirements.
	2.2 Operation plan is developed according to engineering
	drawing.
	2.3 Appropriate machine is set up according to manufacturer
	manual
	2.4 Production parameters are set according to production
	requirement
	2.5 Production is performed according to work requirements
3. Perform heat treatment	3.1 Safety practices are observed according to OSHA 2007
	3.2 <i>Heat treatment processes</i> are identified according to
	material specifications
	3.3 Procedure in heat treatment processes is identified
	according to work requirements
	3.4 Heat treatment of metals is performed according to work
	requirements

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4.	Perform material testing	4.1	Safety is observed in material testing procedures
			according to OSHA, 2007
		4.2	Material testing methods are identified according to
			work requirement
		4.3	Procedure of material testing is followed as per material
			testing method
		4.4	Material testing results are tabulated, presented,
			calculated and interpreted according to testing results
		4.5	Material testing equipment are maintained according to
			manufacturer specifications.
5.	Prevent material	5.1	Safety is observed during corrosion prevention according
	corrosion		to OSHA 2007
		5.2	Corrosion types are identified according to work
			requirements
		5.3	Methods of corrosion prevention are identified according
			to work requirements
		5.4	Corrosion is prevented as per the prescribed corrosion
			prevention methods

### **RANGE**

This section provides work environments and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

VARIABLE	RANGE
Physical properties may include but	• Density
is not limited to:	• Color
	<ul> <li>Texture</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Melting point</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Thermal conductivity</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Electrical resistivity</li> </ul>
	• Electro-magnetism
Mechanical properties may include	• Ductility
but is not limited to:	<ul> <li>Malleability</li> </ul>
	• Elasticity
	<ul> <li>Toughness</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Hardness</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Brittleness</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Plasticity</li> </ul>

	Strength
Material testing methods may	Compression test
include but is not limited to:	Hardness tests
	Impact tests
	Creep tests
	Bending tests
	Fatigue tests
	Torsional tests
	Sharing tests
Heat treatment processes may	Annealing
include but is not limited to:	<ul> <li>Tempering</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Normalizing</li> </ul>
	Hardening
	Case hardening
Engineering materials may include	• Metals
but is not limited to:	<ul> <li>Metal alloys</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ceramics</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Composites</li> </ul>
	Polymers
	• Plastics
	Wood
Corrosion type may include but is	Galvanic
not limited to:	<ul> <li>Stress corrosion cracking</li> </ul>
Methods of corrosion prevention	Painting
may include but is not limited to:	Electroplating
	Galvinizing
	Cathodic
	Chromizing

# REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills

# **Required Skills**

- Measuring and marking
- Material testing
- Use of hand tools

- Inspection
- Testing

# REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- Occupational Health and Safety Act of Kenya laws 2007 with focus on personal safety, machine safety and workplace
- National Environment Management Authority Act, Kenya 2004
- OSH ACT 2007
- Equipment manuals
- Mathematics & science
- Physics and mechanics
- Metallurgy and materials
- Inspection and testing
- WIBA ACT
- Report writing

#### **EVIDENCE GUIDE**

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

Critical Aspects of	Assessment requires evidence that the learner
Competency	1.1 Observed safety as per work place procedures
	1.2 Demonstrated understanding of physical, chemical and
	mechanical properties of engineering materials
	1.3 Utilized engineering materials
	1.4 Performed heat treatment
	1.5 Performed material testing
	1.6 Demonstrated understanding of corrosion types and its
	prevention
2. Resource Implications	2.1 Testing materials
	2.2 Measuring instruments
	2.3 Inspection tools
3. Methods of Assessment	Competency in this unit may be assessed through:
5. Wellous of Assessment	3.1 Observation
	3.2 Oral questioning
	3.3 Written test

		3.4 Portfolio of Evidence
		3.5 Interview
		3.6 Third party report
4	4. Context of Assessment	Competency may be assessed:
''		4. 1On-the-job
		4. 2Off-the –job
		4. 3During Industrial attachment
5.	Guidance information for assessment	Holistic assessment of other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended.

