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Whisper Academy gets financial boost

By IBI Magazine

South Africa's Whisper Boat Building Academy for the Disabled has received a ZAR850,000 donation on behalf of the Ministry of Social Development for the Western Cape, enabling it to relocate to a more suitable location and acquire the necessary tools to be up-to-date with the latest boatbuilding technology.

Founded in 2004 by Belgian marine surveyor Peter Jacops, the Whisper Boat Building Academy claims to be the world's only boatbuilding school for the disabled. It is located in the South African township of Khaeylitsha (Cape Town) and is designed to provide disadvantaged students from nearby townships an opportunity to acquire a new life skill.

With this donation from the South African government, the Whisper Boat Building Academy also aims to introduce environmentally friendly boats on the African market. To finance the project they are selling their "Whisper boats" with electrical, solar or hybrid technology.

For more information on the Whisper Boat Building Academy, visit the school's website at www.wbba.co.za.

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