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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I hold a Doctorate in Business Management (DBM) degree through Regenesys Business School, and was previously with Heriot-Watt University in United Kingdom with a thesis in Aerotropolis (Airport City) development, the concept I introduced to Ekurhuleni Municipality and South Africa. I completed a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Milpark Business School. In addition, I studied a Master's Degree in Technology with a dissertation in Labour intensive construction of Water Bound Macadam Bases under the supervision of Prof McCutcheon of Wits University, hold a National Diploma in Civil Engineering and B Tech Civil (Transportation) from the University of Johannesburg. I am a Civil Engineer by profession, registered with the Engineering Council of South Africa. I was previously the Chief Operations Officer (COO) for the City of Ekurhuleni and the Special Advisor to the Minister of Transport in South Africa overseeing the thirteen (13) entities of the Department ranging from Roads, Rail, Aviation and Maritime.

I have over 28 years' experience at a senior level mostly in Government and spanning through all three spheres of Government in Local, Provincial and National. I was assigned the overall responsibility to ensure the City of Ekurhuleni's state of readiness for the hosting of the world's biggest sporting event, the 2010 FIFA World Cup. I have served and chaired a number of Boards and Strategic Committees both in the public and private sector and was involved with some of the groundbreaking initiatives in the Country like the Gautrain and the e-Toll projects right from inception. I have extensive consulting experience which extends beyond the borders of SA including ANC Economic and Transformation Subcommittee representing Business, Special Advisor to the Honorary Consul of SA in the Midlands (UK) and leading the Project Management Team of experts advising the Gauteng Department of Roads & Transport. I was also appointed as one of the Mamba Mentors by the UK Trade and Investment in partnership with London School of Business.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Executive Consulting
- Committee Management
- Government Relations
- Local Government
- Project Management
- Strategic Planning
- Business Administration
- Budget Management
- Business Operations
- Capital Budget Control
- Fleet Management
- Transportation Planning
- Strategic Relationships
- Relationship Building and Retention
- Expanded Public Work Programmes
- Vendor Management
- Entrepreneurship

MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATIONS

02 Jun 1997	Member 969150	SAICE (South African Institute of Civil Engineers)
01 Nov 2016	Corporate Member M964	IMESA (Institute of Municipal Engineers of South Africa)
17 May 2010	Associate EIZ 0104097151	EIZ (Engineering Institute of Zambia)
28 Aug 2003	Engineering Technologist	ECSA (Engineering Council of South Africa)

EDUCATION AND COURSES

2023	Doctorate Business Management (DBM):	Regenesys Business School
2021	Doctorate Business Administration (DBA) : Post Graduate Certificate	Edinburgh Business School
2006	Masters in Business Administration (MBA)	Milpark Business School
2002	Master's Degree Technologiae** <i>Incomplete</i>	University of Johannesburg
1995	BTech Civil Urban Engineering	University of Johannesburg
1995	BTech Civil Transportation	University of Johannesburg
1994	National Diploma Civil Engineering	University of Johannesburg
1991	Matric	Mamelodi Technical High School
2009	Bidding and Hosting	TSE Switzerland Base Camp
2005	Transport Modeling	CSIR
2005	Executive Leadership Programme	Khayalami Metro
2000	Certificate Strategic Planning Urban Revitalization	Harvard University
2000	Traffic Calming Measures	C.R.O.W
1999	Project Management and MS Projects (Intermediate)	Care Development College
1999	Project Management and MS Projects (Advanced)	Care Development College
1989	German Language Certificate	Deutsche Schule Pretoria

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jan 2020 – Current	Chief Executive Officer	AiEG
• Providing leadership and overall management of the company, African Institute of Everyone Genome (AiEG) • Programme and project management of all projects the company is involved with In the establishment of Africa's first and biggest DNA Biobank • Developing the business plan including Financial Management of the company • Application of funding • Liaising with all International and Strategic Partners • Ethics approval application for the EveryoneGenome project with a slogan "Black DNA matters"		
June 2012 - Current	Honorary Consultant and Special Advisor	Midlands UK
• Special Advisor to the honorary Consul for South Africa in Birmingham		
Apr 2021 – Current	President and PR Councillor (City of Ekurhuleni)	Independent Citizens Movement
Chairperson: Minority Parties Caucus		
Chairperson: Economic Development Oversight Committee		
Chairperson: SALGA Gauteng PEC Member & Chairperson – Water & Sanitation Working Group.		

Dec 2019 – Dec 2020	Chief Executive Officer	Mereng Consultants
• Provided strategic leadership and overall management of the company • Programme and project management of all projects the company was involved with • Oversaw all issues relating to legal and corporative governance • Client liaison and stakeholder engagement • Risk management • Financial and asset management		
Jun 2017 – Nov 2019	Chief Operating Officer	Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality
• Provided operational support for the implementation of KPIs by all service delivery departments • Ensured integration of business processes and systems amongst the service delivery departments and the support departments such as finance, HR, ICT, Risk, Audit and others • Enabled sustainable service excellence across the Metro • Translated organisational strategy into operational and service delivery objectives ensuring delivery of strategic plans • Developed and maintained healthy relationships with all key stakeholders both internal and external • Drove performance measures for all operations of the city and ensured set departmental targets were met • Ensured common approach and mechanism in dealing with governance issues • Enabled regular dialogue that promoted problem solving and resolution • Monitored and ensured financial control and corporate governance throughout all areas of accountability of the City • Lead and managed direct and indirect teams • Provided context, set performance standards and educated on process, quality and policy		
Jan 2015 – May 2017	Special Advisor: Minister of Transport	National Department of Transport
• Advised on day-to-day operation of the Minister • Provided technical advice on all documentation • Dealt with human resources and financial management issues and referred to the Minister • Attended meetings with and on behalf of the Minister • Conducted research on best practices and turnaround strategies for the department • Advising the Ministry on Strategic issues • Problem solving and stakeholder engagement • Represented the Minister at the Portfolio Committee, EXCO, Cabinet Clusters and other relevant meetings • Provided governance oversight over the department's thirteen (13) entities • Drafted letters on behalf of Minister		
Apr 2012 – Sep 2014	Project Leader and Head of PMT	Gauteng Department of Transport
Sep 2010 – Mar 2012	Chief Executive Officer	Senapelo Consulting Engineers
Sep 2008 – Sep 2010	Acting Executive Director and HOD	Ekurhuleni Municipality
Jan 2007 – Sep 2010	General Manager and HOD	Ekurhuleni Municipality
Oct 2003 – Dec 2006	Director	Ekurhuleni Municipality
Oct 2001 – Sep 2003	Acting Director	Ekurhuleni Municipality
Jan 2001 – Sep 2001	Acting Executive Manager	Khayalami Metropolitan Council
Sep 1999 – Dec 2000	Deputy Executive Manager	Khayalami Metropolitan Council
Apr 1999 – Sep 1999	Acting Deputy Executive Manager	Khayalami Metropolitan Council
Jan 1995 – Apr 1999	Civil Engineer	Civec Consulting Engineers
Jan 1993 – Dec 1994	Research and Development Lab Assistant	Colas Southern Africa

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Convenor: Ekurhuleni Expanded Public Works Steering Committee

Convenor: SA Local Government Associations Gauteng: Municipal Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Sub-Committee

Convenor: South African Local Government Associations Gauteng: Special Projects Sub-Committee (Gautrain, 2010 WC)

Deputy Convenor: South African Local Government Associations Gauteng: Municipal Services Working Group

Member: South African Society of Intelligent Transport Systems (SASITS)

Coordinator: EMM 2010 FIFA World Cup Transport and Infrastructure

Council Member: Institute of Municipal Engineering of South Africa (IMESA)

Member: DTI Advisory Committee of Black Industrialists Programme

Member: Passenger Rail of South Africa (PRASA) Bid Adjudication Committee

Member: South African Local Government Associations Gauteng: PEC member and NCOP representative

Chairperson: Water, Sanitation and Electricity Working Group – Gauteng Province

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

2008 Initiated and introduced the concept of Aerotropolis to Ekurhuleni

2012 Appointed Special Advisor to SA Honorary Council to the Midlands (UK)

2013 Appointed as a Mamba Member, an initiative by UK Trade and Investment and the London School of Business

2000 Member of SERTEC Committee, evaluating Technikon Witwatersrand pre-amalgamation of Academic Institutions in SA

1999 Club 1000 Young Achiever of the Year

1992 South African Institute of Race Relation (SAIRR) Best Civil Engineering Student

PUBLICATIONS

Service delivery improvement through turnkey implementation of roads by LJ Mojapelo, N Swart and T Richardson (SARF, 2005)

HIAKAMUTI Contractor Development Programme (SAICE Magazine and Khayalami News)

TIPP Walkways Programme (Khayalami News)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jan 2008 – Sep 2011	Board Member	Brakpan Bus Company
Nov 2008 – Sep 2011	Shareholder Representative	ERWAT
Jan 2011 – Nov 2015	Board Chairperson	Boitshoko Road Surfaces
Jun 2011 – Nov 2017	Board Chairperson	Vuza Holdings
Nov 2013 – Nov 2015	Board Member & Chair Communications Subcommittee	CESA
Apr 2015 – May 2017	Board Chairperson	ERWAT

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth

17 April 1971

Nationality

South African

Languages

Northern Sotho

English

Afrikaans

German

Zulu

Driver’s License
Code 08

Criminal Record
None

References
On request