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PPC Cement



PPC Ltd has nine manufacturing facilities and three milling depots in South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe that can produce around eight million tonnes of cement products each year. As part of its strategy and long-term plan to grow revenue by 40% outside of South Africa, PPC is expanding its operational footprint into the rest of Africa, including Algeria, DRC, Ethiopia, and Rwanda. PPC also produces aggregates, metallurgical-grade lime, burnt dolomite and limestone.

The PPC cement brands include the market-leading SureBuild brand, the first branded general purpose cement on the market, Botcem in Botswana, Unicem and PMC in Zimbabwe, Obras in Mozambique, SureRoad, road stabilisation cement and OPC, a special-purpose, rapid-hardening cement. PPC is passionate about investing in meaningful initiatives and projects that advance the industry's excellence and are committed to social upliftment and developing communities. PPC has implemented the Employee Housing Support initiative which will run over the next 3 to 4 years and see over 300 of its employees acquire a decent house.

The cement giant has actively invested in technology to reduce air emissions, minimise waste production, recycle and recover raw materials, enhance energy efficiency and conserve natural resources – while producing a reliable and affordable supply of building materials to support the economies of countries in which we operate.

PPC has progressed from a Level 7 Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) rating to a Level 2 rating last year, when it reached a 26% black ownership level within PPC South Africa. Over the last decade, the company saw a 67% increase in its female employee ratio and a four-fold increase of women in management roles. By the end of last year, female employees represented 21.7% of PPC's total workforce. PPC launched its Women's Forum in 2001, which represents a change in PPC around attracting, nurturing and advancing women's talent to effectively lead PPC.

Sobek Engineering



Sobek Engineering is a multidisciplinary consulting engineering, project management and management consultancy firm operating in the civil infrastructure sector of South Africa, Africa and internationally. Sobek serves the diverse requirements of a developing and changing world by providing specialist expertise as an integrated service to meet the requirements of our clients in the context of the region and through the following civil engineering market-driven business units:

- structural designs
- transportation infrastructure
- water resources management
- water treatment and distribution
- sanitation services
- urban planning and rural development
- construction monitoring
- · project management
- geotechnical, environmental and materials services
- utilities management
- enginomic services.

Our professional services cover all aspects from the project appraisal stage up to commissioning and right through to operation and maintenance stages. Sobek offers a reliable and professional insight in the infrastructure sector. We provide a very high level of practical experience, know-how, quality and confidentiality. We deliver our services in an international context but with a local understanding of the environment.

Our vision

To assist and lead development in the developing economies where infrastructure development is most needed, with an approach espousing total excellence, while building relationships with communities, organisations and the people we serve.

Sobek is a member of CESA; an Affiliate Gold Member of IMESA; a member of the South African Road Federation (SARF), South African National Committee on Large Dams (SANCOLD), International Water Association (IWA); and a Patron Member of the Water Institute of South Africa (WISA). Sobek is a registered mentor with ECSA, ISO 9001:2008 certified and a Level 2 BBBEE contributor.

ILISO Consulting



ILISO Consulting, a subsidiary of NAKO Group, is an African consulting engineering and project management firm that specialises in engineering, environmental management and project management services. NAKO Group is an African-owned multidisciplinary consulting engineering group comprising ILISO Consulting, Lategan Bouwer Engineers and Triocon Consulting Engineers.

Established in 1995, ILISO Consulting is widely recognised as one of the most professionally managed consulting engineering firms in Africa today, with a team of directors and senior executives who are experts in their chosen fields.

Each member of this formidable team offers a range of combined experience in their areas of specialty. In addition, ILISO Consulting has over 250 highly competent technical and support staff, all working together to deliver sustainable, high-quality assets that not only meet but exceed client expectations. With an enviable portfolio of award-winning contracts, ILISO Consulting is fully established in South Africa (all the major centres), Namibia (Windhoek), Uganda (Kampala) and Zambia (Lusaka). Furthermore, it undertakes projects beyond these borders in collaboration with strategic partners located in various countries, including: Botswana,

