

MR. DEON BESTER

DIRECTOR | PROFESSIONAL PLANNER

DATE OF BIRTH: 31 MAY 1960

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: 30 YEARS

**1. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:**

- University of Pretoria | Bachelor Degree in Town and Regional Planning, 1991
- Tshwane University of Technology | National Diploma in Public Health, 1984

2. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- South African Council for Town and Regional Planners (SACPLAN) | Professional Planner Reg. No. A/816/1995
- South African Planning Institute (SAPI) Reg. No. 10174

3. CAREER HISTORY

Mr. Bester started his town-planning career in 1991 as an Assistant Town-planner with Metroplan. By the end of 1995 he was promoted to Professional Planner and later became a Director of Metroplan.

4. EXPERIENCE:

In the 30 years of Mr. Besters' involvement in the field of town-planning, he gained extensive experience in a wide variety of town-planning related matters such as land use management, strategic spatial planning, urban design and property development. As an experienced Town-planner, he has a successful track record of numerous completed developments resulting from applications for rezoning and/or township establishment undertaken on behalf of governmental departments, mining groups and private developers. He takes the lead in projects which are mostly focused on higher density developments with the overall aim of creating a variety of affordable housing typologies. Mr. Bester is also actively involved with numerous formalisation and upgrading projects that provides accommodation to previously disadvantaged communities. In addition to his role as Professional Planner, Mr. Bester, plays a pivotal role in the financial operations of the organisation and contributes to the efficiency of the day to day activities of the Company.

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