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In the right places at the right times

By Eamonn Ryan

Kobus van Wyngaardt (33) has been appointed the new SAFCEC national advisor: SHERQ with effect from 1 February, bringing considerable experience and qualifications to the role. He holds a master's degree in management of technology and innovation within business management from the Da Vinci Institute, completed in 2017.

His journey in the field of health and safety began in 2006 when he was appointed as a safety officer at a mining project undertaken by Aveng Grinaker-LTA Earthworks Engineering in Middelburg, followed by various other projects around the country, such as the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup stadia; the Eskom Ingula Pumped Storage Scheme; as well as the designated SHE manager for contracts under Sanral's Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project. Van Wyngaardt was appointed as the divisional SHE manager for Aveng Grinaker-LTA Rand Roads where he oversaw all SHE-related aspects, prior to moving to the Mechanical & Electrical division as the SHE manager on projects including the Glencore Mine project and Eskom Kusile Power Station project. The latter position included assisting with the development and implementation of risk reduction programmes within Aveng Grinaker-LTA, assisting in the development and implementation of mechanical and electrical SHE management systems.

His need to gain a better understanding of the role that SHERQ implementation and management plays in the construction sector has seen him actively seeking out roles in civils, roadworks, earthworks, manufacturing, and building. While obtaining this qualification, he simultaneously developed a risk

reduction programme for construction projects, which improves aspects such as safety performance through the enhancement of leadership, culture, behaviour, attitude, and the physical environment. This achievement speaks to his personal mantra of 'Through creativity and innovation, the problems of today become the opportunities of tomorrow'.

Steph Swanepoel, SAFCEC national manager: Marketing & Communications, says: "Team SAFCEC welcome Kobus into the SAFCEC Advisory Services fold. We are certain that in his role as SAFCEC's national advisor: SHERQ, his aspiration to ensure that the industry reduces all aspects of risk will be achieved through

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