**APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

SMEC announces appointment of new Africa General Manager for Resources

***28 April, 2015:*** *Global engineering consultancy firm SMEC is proud to announce the appointment of a new general manager for Africa, who is responsible for all mining, oil and gas projects across the continent.*

**Gerrit Lok** officially assumed his new role, after being appointed as General Manager Resources - Africa at SMEC in February 2015. Lok boasts more than 22 years’ experience in the mining industry, having fulfilled various operational and management roles in the production and project delivery environment.

His core experience lies in the Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management (EPCM) development of bulk commodity projects covering mining, processing, materials handling and support infrastructure for mining projects. He has executed projects for many high-profile clients.

In the project finance arena, Lok also consults to the banking industry in the role of due diligence and/or independent technical advisor. The international SMEC Group wishes him all the best in his new role.

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