**APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Hatch appoints new Managing Director of Operational Services

***07 February, 2013:*** *Leading consulting engineering and project implementation firm Hatch Chief Executive Officer* ***John Bianchini*** *is pleased to announce that* ***Jeanne Els****, through her previous capacity as Hatch Regional Managing Director for North-East Australia, has been appointed as Hatch’s Managing Director of Operational Services.*

“Els is a long-standing Hatch Associate and her diverse background and experience makes her an excellent choice to take on the new leadership role. Els is a process metallurgist, who was instrumental in establishing, building and nurturing our business groups, firstly in Johannesburg and later in Wollongong,” explains Bianchini.

Els was a key contributor in growing Hatch’s Iron and Steel Business Unit, helping to globalise its services beyond the company’s North American roots. Jeanne received her Bachelor’s Degree as a Metallurgical engineer from the University of Pretoria and started her career working for ISCOR Steel South Africa in a process role. During her time at ISCOR she gained valuable experience in commissioning and operations, before joining Hatch in South Africa as a process engineer.

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