**PRESS RELEASE**

Engineering firm goes ‘One Day Without Shoes’

*Consulting engineering and project implementation firm Hatch recently participated in the ‘One Day Without Shoes’ event*

**08 May, 2012:** On Tuesday 10 April 2012, consulting engineering and project management firm Hatch’s Woodmead and Centurion offices participated in the worldwide ‘One Day Without Shoes’ event.

The ‘One Day Without Shoes’ event is an awareness day that is centred on bringing attention to the millions of children who go about their daily lives without shoes. Hatch staff members acknowledged the importance of the event by attending work without shoes. What’s more, Hatch staff members collected and donated more than half a skip full of shoes to the worthy cause.

Shoes can help protect against injury, and in combination with basic hygiene and sanitation, help prevent disease and soil-transmitted infections. Some of the hazards of living without shoes includes: podoconiosis, hook worm and jiggers. When shoes are combined with strategic interventions, they become a powerful tool to help keep kids healthy and in school.

Speaking on the event, Hatch managing director **Rory Kirk** says that it was a very uplifting experience to go without shoes for one day for this very worthy cause.

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**Notes to the Editor**
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Hatch supplies process and business consulting, information technology, engineering, and project and construction management to the mining, metallurgical, energy and infrastructure industries.

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