**PRESS RELEASE**

Hatch in Africa and Goba finalise merger

***04 March, 2013:*** *Consulting engineering, project management and implementation firm Hatch is pleased to announce that Goba, the pre-eminent infrastructure engineers in southern Africa, has joined the Hatch group. The merger of Hatch’s African business and Goba was finalised earlier this month and will now operate in Africa under one name, Hatch Goba.*

The new entity is a multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral engineering consultancy delivering infrastructure, mining and metals, and energy projects using world-class practices and processes that will ensure that clients achieve their objectives.

Goba’s already established outstanding reputation for delivery of infrastructure in the four primary fields of expertise in transportation, including: major roads, highways, airports and bridges; water and wastewater; mining and industrial infrastructure; coupled with Hatch’s African and global expertise and presence in the mining and metals, energy and infrastructure sectors, has resulted in a new entity with complementary skill sets, regional presence and an expanded client base.

Hatch Goba is now able to provide a more comprehensive service to the mining and metals, energy and infrastructure sectors while ensuring that insight into world-class project management practices is combined with a deep level of understanding of the local environment to produce excellence for both public and private sector clients.

“In the public sector, Hatch Goba is now able to offer a differentiated service to those clients who need to fulfil the recommendations of the National Planning Commission and the National Development Plan which are key to the growth that South Africa needs,” explains Hatch Goba Chairman **Trueman Goba.**

“Having worked together on a number of projects over the last six years, Hatch and Goba have developed a strong relationship with a good cultural fit. Hatch Goba will have a combined workforce of over 1 500 personnel in South Africa and will continue to give priority to developmental programmes and career opportunities for its employees. What’s more, ongoing investment in developing local staff will ensure that the specialist skills base in both engineering and large-scale project delivery, which is greatly needed in South Africa, continues to grow,” explains Hatch Goba Managing Director **Rory Kirk.**

Looking back, Goba and Kirk both agree that the two companies have come a long way together, beginning with the work done by the joint venture on Transnet’s capital expansion programme, through to the initial merger discussions which began in 2011 resulting in the new entity, Hatch Goba.

“It has been a journey that has been travelled with vision, integrity, fairness and excitement and we look forward to what the future holds. We are committed to support the development and implementation of efficient projects, which Southern Africa needs in order to grow the economy. What’s more, our mission is to bring ‘smart’ solutions to our clients by bringing to the fore broader skills and global experience,” concludes Kirk.

Hatch Goba’s targeted objective to obtain a minimum level 3 contributor status in terms of the current Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) codes will be driven by an active BBBEE strategy to ensure that it contributes positively to transformation within its sector and society as a whole.

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

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