**APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Zutari appoints new Managing Director of Transport

**CEO of SAICE since 2020, Vishaal Lutchman has played a key role in the advancement and oversight of the engineering profession**

**5 April 2022:** Leading consulting engineering and infrastructure advisory firm [Zutari](http://www.zutari.com) has appointed **Vishaal Lutchman** as its new Managing Director of Transport, with effect from 1 April 2022. Vishaal joins Zutari from the South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE), where he was CEO since 2020. During these two years, he steered SAICE through a time of great challenges within the organisation, the industry, and the country, while having to endure the consequences of a regressive economy exacerbated by the devasting effects of the pandemic on the profession.

Vishaal has always had a passion for civil engineering, with a particular focus on building strategic teams, mentoring, training, and developing young engineers. He has played a key role in its advancement by providing innovative solutions for professional career growth, advocating for the protection of the profession and reconnecting infrastructure stakeholders, and leveraging such relationships towards a common development agenda.

Vishaal is a professional engineer with over 22 years’ experience in the leadership and management of businesses related to infrastructure development. His technical and advisory skills were nurtured mainly within the maritime and rail disciplines. As an executive, Vishaal has focused on integrating organisational strategy, operations, and technical capacity with future-fit engineering solutions.

Before his role at SAICE, Vishaal was Director of the maritime, aviation and rail business at WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff. Prior to that, he spent five years with RoyalHaskoningDHV as Director of the Maritime and Freight Advisory group. As Deputy Chief Engineer at Transnet, he oversaw the parastatal’s capital and port infrastructure projects across all ports in the country.

He is well versed in providing advisory and consultancy services for infrastructure projects in Africa, having worked in South, East, and West Africa. Vishaal’s qualifications include an MPhil in Leadership, an MBA, a Diploma in Business Management, a BSc Civil Engineering degree, and a Diploma in Civil Engineering, among others. He is currently completing his PhD in Urban Studies at the University of Johannesburg.

“Our clients are committing greater investment to improve transport infrastructure. We are confident that, with his vast experience in the field, Vishaal will bring innovative thinking and strong leadership in implementing and managing complex and critical projects for us,” says Zutari CEO **Teddy Daka**. Vishaal will be based in Tshwane and be part of the Zutari Executive Committee.

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As engineering consultants and trusted advisors, Zutari co-creates an engineered impact that enables environments, communities and economies to thrive. Few others can match our local capacity, long-standing presence and understanding of the challenges required to operate successfully across various regions in Africa and the Middle East.

We have created an impact across Africa for almost 90 years (1932 to 2022) and remain committed to this continent, making us the perfect partner to those less familiar with working in Africa. We are experienced in international projects and our Global Design Centres allow us to bring world-class solutions to our clients.

As a private management-owned company, our commitment is true and we have vested interest in our clients’ success. Our strong relationships allow us to connect the right expertise, processes and resources to match client’s needs and bring stakeholders that have shared interests together.

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