**PRESS RELEASE**

Zutari Associate appointed as South African Chair for global technical institute

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**31 May 2022:** The [International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE)](https://iabse.org/) has announced that [Zutari](http://www.zutari.com) Associate **Prof. Pierre van der Spuy** is its new National Group Chair for South Africa. “Having South African representation on a global technical committee is not only a singular achievement nationally, but testament to the depth of our expertise and experience,” says Zutari CEO **Teddy Daka**.

“I see my role as National Group chair to facilitate network building between local and global IABSE members by organising events to showcase South African projects to members globally, to promote structural engineering among our students to increase the supply of professionals to industry, and to work together with other local voluntary associations to add value to members,” comments Prof. van der Spuy. He is currently planning monthly webinars to start discussing various topics and increase engagement within the National Group.

IABSE is a global voluntary organisation based in Zurich, Switzerland with members from 90 countries. It promotes the exchange of knowledge and advances the practice of structural engineering worldwide by servicing the profession and society.

Prof. Van der Spuy is a structural engineer specialising in bridges, for which he holds a PhD, wind turbine foundations, and marine structures. He has received numerous industry awards for incrementally launched bridges and long span arch bridges. Prof. van der Spuy is an accomplished academic, with awards including the ECSA medal for the top student in the Civil Engineering faculty at Stellenbosch University over the full degree course. He won the South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE) Young Engineer of the Year award in 2017.

Work from his PhD and subsequent research has been published in leading international journals and he has presented and published widely at international conferences. Prof. van der Spuy holds a position as Adjunct Associate Professor at Stellenbosch University, where he lectures undergraduate and postgraduate modules in advanced design of concrete structures. He has presented CPD courses on wind turbine foundations and bridge design. He currently works as an Associate Bridge Engineer at Zutari in Cape Town.

Zutari’s recent bridge work includes a contract awarded by the Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) for design and site supervision services for the Senqu Bridge, the Mabunyaneng Bridge and the Khubelu Bridge, all part of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP) Phase II. As part of a joint venture, Zutari is also involved with the Polihali Diversion Tunnels project and the Polihali Transfer Tunnel project.

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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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