**APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

SMEC South Africa appoints new CEO

***29 October, 2014:*** *Global engineering consultancy firm SMEC has appointed a new and highly experienced CEO to its South Africa operation.*

SMEC South Africa is proud to announce that **Kostas Rontiris** has been appointed as CEO effective from September 1, 2014. Kostas Rontiris has logged more than 30 years of experience in the transport infrastructure sector and management of business units in Southern Africa and Europe.

“In my previous position as strategic business development executive for SMEC South Africa, I was responsible for the management of approximately 700 employees involving market development, commercial and human resources,” he explains.

Rontiris boasts an MSc degree in Highways and Traffic Engineering, as well as a BSc degree in Civil Engineering. Furthermore, he has worked on a variety of local and international projects, gaining extensive experience in; business development, client relations, negotiations and contract management, financial management, and infrastructure project implementation.

SMEC South Africa wishes Rontiris all the best in his new role as CEO.

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SMEC South Africa provides professional engineering services throughout South Africa and the rest of Africa in the following sectors: hydropower, transport, water, natural resources and environment, geotechnical, mining, tunnelling, urban development, renewable energy, power, government and advisory services and social infrastructure development.

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