**APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Procon's new MD reveals the company's 2014 objectives

***22 January, 2014:*** *Leading environmental management expert Procon Environmental Technologies has officially appointed a new managing director.*

The company is proud to announce that **Kuno Kerlen**, who boasts a wealth of experience and expertise in the international petrochemical and mining engineering industries, officially assumed the role of managing director at Procon Environmental Technologies in November 2013.

Kerlen plans to increase Procon's geographical footprint in 2014 through expansion into strategically selected African markets. “A number of African countries offer a great opportunity to expand our market, especially since we offer such a unique product range and service offering. Also, we have plans to enhance our current product offering through technical innovation and also add some exciting new products to this portfolio” he notes.

Kerlen believes that his knowledge of the African mining and petrochemical market, together with his engineering skills and strategic management expertise, will assist him in achieving his objectives in his new position at Procon.

“I gained experience as a petrochemical project manager in the Netherlands and South Africa, before moving into an executive position in the petrochemical and mining engineering sector. I also have experience in the local automotive supplier industry, dealing with the OEMs as a key account manager. I will be leveraging all of this experience to achieve key objectives,” he continues.

 Kerlen is optimistic about the future of Procon and the environmental technologies market. He believes that the outlook is positive for the long term, as (South) African industries are becoming more aware of their broader social role in the communities in which they operate.

"These companies understand that polluting their local operating environment does not endear them to the local communities and, by extension, the local government. Procon is uniquely positioned to benefit from this, as its products offer far superior performance than traditional systems, which often do not meet environmental discharge standards,” he concludes.

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**Notes to the Editor**
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**About Procon Environmental Technologies**
Today more than ever before it is the responsibility of companies and their employees to be aware of pollution and its environmental consequences. While the first principle of environmental management is that prevention is better than cure, accidents and spills do happen. It is for this reason that Procon Environmental Technologies was established in 1993. We offer a full scope of Environmental Products & Technologies, specialising in systems that minimise the impact of contamination on the environment and surrounding areas, and also offer remediation services if contamination does occur. The company has secured exclusive partnerships with international companies that are world leaders in their field of expertise.

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