

NAKO ILISO's Clint Koopman steps down as CEO and steps up to new challenges

NAKO ILISO has announced that the company's CEO, Clint Koopman, will step down as CEO, so that he can focus on leading the company as Managing Director for the Structures Business Unit (SBU).

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One of NAKO ILISO's Roads and Bridges Projects: Dr. Chota Motala Road Interchange on the N3

Fuzile Felix Fongoqa, Executive Chairman of NAKO ILISO remarked that Clint has been instrumental in leading the company through phases of unprecedented growth, notably the formation of the NAKO Group following the transaction which resulted in three wholly owned South African Engineering companies joining forces to form an African engineering powerhouse, and the establishment of a joint venture company called NAKO SYSTRA with a French multi-national, SYSTRA, the third largest transportation planning, rail and mass transit Engineering company in the world.

His skill in navigating the company through challenging economic downturns experienced during 2008 and 2010, and once again during 2016 and 2017 bears testament to the caliber of leader that Clint continues to be, along with the effective systems and procedures he's already established.

After Clint's decision to step down as CEO was received, the NAKO ILISO board used this opportunity to revisit its operational structure and have decided to appoint Eldred Boonzaaier as its new Chief Operations Officer. Fuzile Fongoqa, our current Executive Chairman, will take on the responsibilities of CEO. "Further announcements on new additions to our board will follow soon. These new additions will improve our gender representation at top management level", said Fongoqa.



Clint Koopman, Managing Director, Structures



Fuzile Felix Fongoqa, Executive Chairman of NAKO ILISO

"NAKO ILISO is a unique company with an excellent track record. I have been extremely honored to have led a team of highly professional, ethical and extremely competent Engineers over the last eleven and a half years. The work ethic of our staff and support from the board of Directors and senior leadership of the company made my work easy and enjoyable," Koopman said.

The core team of senior management have been together for more than 20 years. Finding a successor from internal resources with the in-depth knowledge of the systems, procedures and business intelligence was thus very easy. "Fuzile is a fantastic strategist with an admirable profile in the industry. We are confident that under his continued leadership and renewed focus, we will grow the business even further. Eldred compliments Fuzile very well with his astute management style and eye for detail," said Koopman.

Clint is an effective and dynamic leader, and feels that his true passion is firmly entrenched in engineering, particularly within the highly demanding discipline of bridge design. It is in this sphere that Clint wishes to continue serving both his passion and the interests of the company – as the MD for the SBU.

"There have been extremely turbulent times due to the change in the procurement regulations, the worst depression in 2008 followed by a second depression we are currently exiting, in addition to other industry-related challenges. I am saddened by the reported levels of corruption that have plagued our country over the last few years and the impact it had on our elite profession. I am extremely proud of how we have maintained our core values of people, integrity and excellence during this time. I'm excited at the prospect of getting involved in the business of engineering – building bridges – once



Eldred Boonzaaier, NAKO ILISO's new Chief Operations Officer

again, and will continue to be a servant of this company, hopefully for many years to come," added Koopman.



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Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth. NAKO ILISO was the lead partner in a Joint Venture responsible for the bulk earthworks design, the pile design, the structural design of the concrete bowl, as well as the design of the light weight roof structure. NAKO ILISO was also responsible for contract administration and construction monitoring.



NAKO ILISO Structures Project: Fairlands Office Park: Wesbank Headquarters



NAKO ILISO Infrastructure Project: Nsezi Water Treatment Works Upgrade



NAKO ILISO Environmental Project: Gautrain Project

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