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ANOTHER PIONEERING ACHIEVEMENT FOR EUNICE FORBES

Eunice Forbes, the new president of Master Builders South Africa (MBSA), has become the first woman to lead this major national construction industry body.

The achievement is another pioneering feat by Forbes who, in February 2004, was elected president of the Gauteng Master Builders Association – the first woman to lead any regional master builders body in the country.

She is MD of Fintrex, Sandton-based supplier and installer of specialised synthetic sports surfaces, a company she started 20 years ago.

Her achievements in business mirror a similar pugnacious approach to life. In 1947, she contracted polio with the medical prognosis that she would never walk again. She not only confounded this prediction but also overcame a curvature of the spine that followed in 1953, and in December 1957, was proclaimed 100% medically fit.

The new vice-president of MBSA is Pieter van der Merwe, a leading Western Cape building contractor. He and Forbes were inducted at the MBSA's recent annual congress at the Spier Estate in Stellenbosch.

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