CRAIG NORTHWOOD APPOINTED MANAGING DIRECTOR OF UWP CONSULTING

Craig Northwood has been appointed managing director of well known Johannesburg based consulting engineering practice UWP Consulting following a gradual integration into the role over a period of 15 months.

He replaces Zulch Lötter, who has stepped down after 12 years as managing director but will remain a director of the company.

Northwood will be the third managing director heading up this well-respected and dynamic multidisciplinary consulting engineering practice since its formation in 1972. The firm has a staff complement close to 300, 12 offices in South Africa and four in neighbouring southern African territories, and is active in several African countries.

Prior to moving to UWP’s Johannesburg head office in January 2010 as MD designate, Northwood built a successful business for the company in the Eastern Cape.

After qualifying as a civil engineer at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, he worked for the Department of Transport, rising to the position of regional engineer responsible for road maintenance in the Eshowe Region.

Northwood joined UWP in 1996 as an associate tasked with opening an office in East London, taking over management of the existing Mthatha office and developing business in the Eastern Cape. He was appointed as a director in 1998. UWP’s two offices in the Eastern Cape today have about 120 projects in progress with a construction value of more than R2.7-billion.

“I am privileged to head up a very competent and experienced management team and look forward to moving forward with the implementation of UWP’s business strategy,” he said.

“This strategy has been built on the basis of adopting a sustainable growth path, growing operations in Africa, deepening transformation, investing in our people, building our brand and improving our business systems. We have made progress in all areas over the past two years despite the economic recession. There is now a need to review strategy, make adjustments as necessary and then move forward.”

Northwood paid tribute to Zulch Lötter for his invaluable role in building UWP’s reputation, depth of expertise, excellent customer relationships and dedication to transformation and sustainability.

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Lötter joined UWP in 1973, just a year after the company was founded 39 years ago. He has been a partner since 1984 and became managing director in April 1999. He will now take up the position of business development manager for South Africa with particular focus on the private sector, while also dedicating attention to his speciality, roads and transportation.

“We have achieved a smooth and seamless transition and my most optimistic expectations have been exceeded in working closely with Craig since his move to Bryanston,” said Lötter. “I can confidently assure colleagues and clients that UWP will be navigated by an excellent captain.”

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Incoming managing director of UWP Consulting Craig Northwood (left) is congratulated by outgoing managing director Zulch Lötter.

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