

GRADUATION CEREMONY

VISION130

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towards 2034



EXCELLENCE



WEDNESDAY
17 APRIL 2024
13:30

BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Diplomas, bachelor's degrees, honours degrees, and master's degrees



UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE
UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE VRYSTAAT
YUNIVESITHI YA FREISTATA



PROGRAMME

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BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

CONSTITUTION OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFICIAL WELCOME

MUSICAL ITEM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

DISSOLUTION OF THE CONGREGATION

PLEASE NOTE

List of candidates receiving degrees, diplomas, and certificates:

Degrees, diplomas, and certificates of candidates who are unable to attend the graduation ceremony will be conferred in absentia.

An* next to a name indicates that the degree, diploma, or certificate is awarded with distinction.

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Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.
Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,
O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,
Setjhaba sa South Afrika -
South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel,
Uit die diepte van ons see,
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,
Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom,
In South Africa our land.

In order to maintain the dignity of the ceremony, you are requested to take note of the following:

- Please stand as the procession enters the hall
- Do not move around during the ceremony in order to take photos
- Please refrain from unacceptable actions such as whistling
- Please put your cellphone on silent so as not to disturb the proceedings
- We strive to conduct the ceremonies in a dignified manner
- Please do not leave the hall before the graduation proceedings have been concluded
- Family and friends who are unable to attend may watch the full graduation ceremonies through our livestream link at <https://livestream.ufs.ac.za>.

ABOUT THE UFS

The University of the Free State (UFS) has a proud history as one of the oldest institutions of higher education in South Africa. It opened its doors in Bloemfontein in 1904 as the Grey University College, with six students in The Humanities. Today it is a multi-campus institution, with two diverse campuses in Bloemfontein and one in Qwaqwa in the scenic Eastern Free State, accommodating more than 39 000 students in its seven faculties (Economic and Management Sciences, Education, Health Sciences, The Humanities, Law, Natural and Agricultural Sciences, Theology and Religion), with a significant number of international students and associates, and an ever-widening scope of active involvement in and contribution to its surrounding communities.

For the past 120 years, the UFS has been delivering quality graduates who have made their mark in various sectors. What sets the institution apart is its holistic student support initiatives, enabling it to achieve some of the highest success rates in the country. Delivering students who are in high demand in the global job market remains a top priority. An established network of industry partners and close collaboration with the public and private sectors, as well as a continuous process of transformation and curriculum renewal, dovetail to produce highly employable graduates.

UFS research efforts are driven by dedicated scholars, some of whom are international leaders in their fields, with industry and social impact and real-world application.

Through the principle of engaged scholarship, the UFS responds to societal needs by using its scholarly and professional expertise with an intentional public purpose and benefit.

The UFS is an institution that goes all out to provide its students and staff with an outstanding university experience. Everything the institution does is rooted in its values of excellence, innovation and impact, accountability, care, social justice, and sustainability.

The UFS aspires to be a research-led, student-centred, and regionally engaged university that contributes to development and social justice through the production of globally competitive graduates and knowledge. Our *Vision 130* is an elaboration of our strategic intent to reposition the university for 2034, when we will commemorate our 130th anniversary.

Inspiring excellence, transforming lives through quality, impact, and care.



BLOEMFONTEIN, QWAQWA AND SOUTH CAMPUSES

UFS Honorary Awards | UFS Honorary Doctorates

1950	GLP Moerdyk – DLitt (h.c.)	1987	WA Joubert – LLD (h.c.)	F van Z Slabbert – DPhil (h.c.)
1951	NC Havenga – LLD (h.c.)		B Kok – DPhil (h.c.)	JC Steyn – DLitt (h.c.)
1952	Thos Blok – DEd (h.c.)		WP Venter – DCom (h.c.)	PA Verhoef – DTh (h.c.)
	SHS Rubidge – DSc (h.c.)	1988	JJN Cloete – DAdmin (h.c.)	L van den Heever – LLD (h.c.)
1955	CR Swart – LLD (h.c.)		FC Fensham – DLitt (h.c.)	HA Wessels – LLD (h.c.)
	CA v Niekerk – LLD (h.c.)		JW vd Riet – DPhil (h.c.)	A du P Heyns – DMed (h.c.)
1958	CPB Brink – LLD (h.c.)	1989	BJ Meyer – DSc (h.c.)	JJF Durand – DPhil (h.c.)
	CF Visser – DEd (h.c.)		N van Uden – PhD (h.c.)	JA Groenewald – DSc (h.c.)
1959	DB Bosman – DLitt (h.c.)	1990	MG Corbett – LLD (h.c.)	WH Neuser – DTh (h.c.)
	SP le Roux – DScAgric (h.c.)		JS Rabie – DLitt (h.c.)	M Ramos – PhD (h.c.)
	DF Malherbe – DLitt (h.c.)	1991	SS Brand – DCom (h.c.)	SJ Terreblanche – DCom (h.c.)
	GH v Rooyen – MA (h.c.)		JWL de Villiers – DSc (h.c.)	T Moss – PhD (h.c.)
1960	SPE Boshoff – DLitt (h.c.)		GT Fagan – DArch (h.c.)	PV Cox – PhD (h.c.)
1961	T Boydell – DPhil (h.c.)		JH Hofmeyer – PhD (h.c.)	2006
1962	ES Botes – DEd (h.c.)		E v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)	2007
	PE Rousseau – DSc (h.c.)	1992	JP Louw – DLitt (h.c.)	BJ (Bannie) Britz – DArch (h.c.)
1963	EH Louw – LLD (h.c.)		H Olivier – DSc (h.c.)	KPD Maphalla – PhD (h.c.)
	EN Roberts – DSc (h.c.)	1993	JD Anderson – DMed (h.c.)	D Ferreira – DSc (h.c.)
	JGF (Kaalkop) vd Merwe – DCom (h.c.)		RR Arndt – DSc (h.c.)	JC Loock – PhD (h.c.)
	HF Verwoerd – DLitt et Phil (h.c.)	1994	SJ Naudé – LLD (h.c.)	LTC Harms – LLD (h.c.)
1966	PSZ Coetzee – DPhilTh (h.c.)		JJ Human – DPhil (h.c.)	P Gordhan – PhD (h.c.)
	PJ du Toit – DSc (h.c.)		JA Myburgh – DMed (h.c.)	BBS Ngubane – PhD (h.c.)
	MS Louw – DCom (h.c.)	1995	JP vd Walt – DSc (h.c.)	AH Strydom – PhD (h.c.)
1967	SM Naudé – DSc (h.c.)		WA Landman – DEd (h.c.)	M Jones – PhD (h.c.)
	LC Steyn – LLD (h.c.)	1996	WL Mouton – DPhil (h.c.)	D Tutu – DTh (h.c.)
	BJ Vorster – LLD (h.c.)		WDO Marasas – DSc (h.c.)	P Fourie – DLitt (h.c.)
1968	SJ Naudé – DCom (h.c.)	1997	NE Wiehahn – LLD (h.c.)	OG Winfrey – DEd (h.c.)
1969	CW (Nellie) Swart – DPhil (h.c.)		AP Brink – DLitt (h.c.)	RWM Frater – PhD (h.c.)
	AJJ Wessels – DCom (h.c.)	1998	B Hurwitz – DPhil (h.c.)	A Sawyer – DEd (h.c.)
1970	GS Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)		FC Müller – DMed (h.c.)	RJ Goldstone – LLD (h.c.)
	HO Mönning – DSc (h.c.)	1999	FM Claerhout – DPhil (h.c.)	ER v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)
1971	N Diederichs – DCom (h.c.)		JJF Hefer – LLD (h.c.)	M Nussbaum – DLitt (h.c.)
	RS Verster – DPhil (h.c.)		S Nigam – DSc (h.c.)	OW Prozesky – MD (h.c.)
1972	LW Hiemstra – DPhil (h.c.)		WL Nkuhlu – DCom (h.c.)	FDJ Brand – LLD (h.c.)
	PJ Meyer – DPhil (h.c.)		MA Ramphela – DPhil (h.c.)	ZKG Mda – PhD (h.c.)
1975	PJ Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)		HJO van Heerden – LLD (h.c.)	ML Blum – PhD (h.c.)
	De la H de Villiers – DScAgric (h.c.)		FJ van der Merwe – PhD (h.c.)	L Mulvey – DLitt (h.c.)
	GJ Stander – DSc (h.c.)	2000	MH Daling – DCom (h.c.)	L Brahimi – DPhil (h.c.)
1976	AJA Roux – DSc (h.c.)		TN Liversedge – PhD (h.c.)	JM Samuel – DEd (h.c.)
1978	SP Botha – DSc (h.c.)		I Mahomed – LLD (h.c.)	MA Oduyoye – DTh (h.c.)
	EM van Zinderen Bakker – DSc (h.c.)	2001	BP Gilbertson – DCom (h.c.)	JD Sacks – DEcon (h.c.)
	HB Thom – DEd (h.c.)		NR Mandela – LLD (h.c.)	RJ Khoza – DEcon (h.c.)
1979	FCL Bosman – DPhil (h.c.)		EC Taglauer – DSc (h.c.)	TA Manuel – DEcon (h.c.)
	G Cronjé – DSocSc (h.c.)	2002	BH Meyer – PhD (h.c.)	M du Preez – PhD (h.c.)
	CJF Human – DCom (h.c.)		BAK Rider – LLD (h.c.)	J Samoff – DPhil (h.c.)
1980	G Boonzaier – DPhil (h.c.)		CF Slabber – PhD (h.c.)	F Haffajee – PhD (h.c.)
1981	PW Botha – DPhil (h.c.)		JM Stetar – DEd (h.c.)	PH Holloway – DSc (h.c.)
	B Human – DCom (h.c.)	2003	EWA de Corte – DEd (h.c.)	M Botha – LLD (h.c.)
	SG Shuttleworth – DSc (h.c.)		HA Serebro – DPhil (h.c.)	BL Fanaroff – DSc (h.c.)
1982	BLS Franklin – DPhil (h.c.)		AG Sykes – DSc (h.c.)	J Mofokeng wa Makhetha – DLitt (h.c.)
	GvN Vijoen – DEd (h.c.)	2004	S Badat – DPhil (h.c.)	MB Molemela – LLD (h.c.)
1983	L Luyt – DCom (h.c.)		R Bringle – DPhil (h.c.)	ZM Yacoob – LLD (h.c.)
	SF Zaaïman – DPhil (h.c.)		J de Wet – DMus (h.c.)	SM Pityana – DPhil (h.c.)
1984	HS Steyn – DSc (h.c.)		CF Fauconnier – DSc (h.c.)	RJ van Niekerk – DLitt (h.c.)
	FR Tomlinson – DScAgric (h.c.)		GJ Gerwel – DPhil (h.c.)	WK Byanyima – PhD (h.c.)
	JH vd Berg – DMed (h.c.)		WD Jonker – DTh (h.c.)	DM Davis – LLD (h.c.)
1985	L Alberts – DSc (h.c.)		A Krog – DLitt (h.c.)	DE Moseneke – LLD (h.c.)
	GG Cillié – DPhil (h.c.)		K Mokhele – DPhil (h.c.)	AL Sachs – LLD (h.c.)
	SPD le Roux – DLitt (h.c.)		CJC Nel (Posthumous) – PhD (h.c.)	MJ Wingfield – DSc (h.c.)
	A Polson – DPhilMed (h.c.)		L Quayle – DMus (h.c.)	M Musk – DDiet (h.c.)
	J du P Scholtz – DPhil (h.c.)		T (Karel) Schoeman – DLitt (h.c.)	A Ekwamu – DSc (h.c.)
1986	S Grové – DMus (h.c.)		YK Seedat – DMed (h.c.)	D Pepler – DSc (h.c.)
	FP Retief – DMed (h.c.)		MK Seely – DSc (h.c.)	PCJ Vale – PhD (h.c.)
	JA Stegmann – DCom (h.c.)		C Seerveld – DPhil (h.c.)	2024
				Salim Abdool Karim – PhD (h.c.)
				Thabo Cecil Makgoba – PhD (h.c.)

Shields of Honour, Council and Chancellor's Medals

1994	Prof FO Müller (Shield of Honour)	2008	Prof SA Petersen (Shield of Honour)
	RE Schoombie (Shield of Honour)	2009	Ludo Helsen (Shield of Honour)
1995	Prof FO Müller (Chancellor's Medal)	2010	Prof JU Grobbelaar (Council Medal)
	RE Schoombie (Chancellor's Medal)	2014	Mrs AM Dippenaar (Chancellor's Medal)
1996	Prof S Mittman (Shield of Honour)	2014	Dr H Verster (Chancellor's Medal)
1997	Prof M Jansens (Shield of Honour)	2014	Mr JL Pretorius (Chancellor's Medal)
1998	Prof CJC Nel (Chancellor's Medal)	2016	Mr AD Osler (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof C Swanepoel (Chancellor's Medal)		Ms M van der Merwe (Chancellor's Medal)
1999	WJ (Hansie) Cronje (Shield of Honour)	2017	Ms JS Isaacs (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof David Justice (Shield of Honour)	2019	Mr JF de Villiers (Chancellor's Medal)
2000	Prof P Rosseel (Shield of Honour)		Ms EM Oosthuizen (Council Medal)
	Prof MJ Vijoen (Chancellor's Medal)	2022	Dr N Pearce (Chancellor's Medal)
2001	Prof PC Potgieter (Chancellor's Medal)		Mr N Janse van Rensburg (Council Medal)
2002	T Moss (Shield of Honour)	2023	Prof MG Lötter (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof CD Roode (Chancellor's Medal)		Prof SC Brown (Council Medal)
2003	Prof HC Janse van Rensburg (Council Medal)		

MESSAGE FROM VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL | PROF FW PETERSEN

Welcome to the graduation ceremony of the University of the Free State (UFS).

Today is a special day indeed. Few events and occasions hold as much significance as your graduation. This day is just as important for those who have supported you along the way. Many of you had to overcome a lot during your journey to get here today. Many of you are the first in your families to reach this milestone. You have earned this moment, and you should be extremely proud. Always acknowledge and recognise the significance of your achievements as you transition from being a University of the Free State (UFS) student to a UFS graduate.

Graduands, you have had the honour of studying at a 120-year-old institution that has a track record on par with well-regarded national peers, as reflected in the 2024 Times Higher Education World University and Impact Rankings. Sufficient evidence indicates that higher education has the potential to function as an agent of change and a means of serving the greater good. Although the mission of our university has always been to equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to make a difference in your field of study, we are also mindful that values are as important for you to make a difference in your communities.

The UFS places great emphasis on ensuring that students and staff have an outstanding university experience. In our pursuit of excellence, we are proud that our environment is conducive for intellect and knowledge to flourish. As such, our values of excellence, innovation and impact, accountability, care, social justice, and sustainability are embedded in all activities across the institution.

Graduands, irrespective of what you undertake in the future, remember to pursue your passion, and continuously have the desire to make a difference in the lives of others. Surround yourself with real people in real communities, while inculcating kindness, empathy, passion, and awareness of the real issues. If you want to tackle the unfinished goals of this country and create a better world – build bridges, remain morally astute, and grow your coalitions. Life can be challenging when you are on your own – however, great results can be achieved when you work as a collective.

It is up to you to align yourself with those who have a common cause, heal the divisions that keep us separated, and carry along those who have been left out and are struggling.

Congratulations to all our Kopsie graduands. May you have continued success in all your endeavours!

Best wishes

PROF FW PETERSEN

VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL | UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

Welkom by die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV) se gradeplegtigheid.

Vandag is voorwaar 'n spesiale dag. Min gebeurtenisse en geleenthede het soveel betekenis as 'n mens se gradeplegtigheid. Hierdie dag is net so belangrik vir diegene wat julle langs die pad ondersteun het. Baie van julle moes talle uitdagings te bowe kom tydens julle reis om vandag hier te wees. Baie van julle is die eerste in julle gesinne om hierdie mylpaal te bereik. Julle het hierdie oomblik verdien en julle kan baie trots wees daarop.

Erken en herken altyd die belangrikheid van jou prestasie waar jy van 'n student van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV) beweeg na 'n UV-gegraduateerde.

Gegradueerdes, julle het die eer gehad om aan 'n 120-jaar-oue instelling te studeer wat 'n prestasierekord het wat gelykstaande is aan welbekende nasionale eweknieë, soos weerspieël in die 2024 Times Higher Education World University and Impact-ranglys. Talle bewyse dui daarop dat hoër onderwys die potensiaal het om te dien. Alhoewel die missie van ons universiteit nog altyd was om julle toe te rus met kennis en vaardighede wat nodig is om 'n verskil in julle studieveld te maak, is ons ook bedag daarop dat waardes vir julle net so belangrik is om 'n verskil in julle gemeenskappe te maak.

Die UV plaas groot klem daarop om te verseker dat studente en personeel 'n voortrefflike universiteitservaring het. In ons strewe na uitnemendheid is ons trots dat ons omgewing bevorderlik is vir intellek en kennis om te floreer. As sodanig is ons waardes van uitnemendheid, innovasie en impak, aanspreeklikheid, omgee, sosiale geregtigheid en volhoubaarheid ingebed in alle aktiwiteite oor die instelling heen.

Gegradueerdes, ongeag wat julle in die toekoms aanpak, onthou om julle passie na te streef en behou die begeerte om voortdurend 'n verskil in ander se lewens te maak. Omring juisself met regte mense in regte gemeenskappe, terwyl julle welwillendheid, empatie, passie en bewustheid van werklike kwessies inskerp. As



julle die onvoltooide doelwitte van hierdie land wil aanpak en 'n beter wêreld wil skep – bou brûe, bly moreel skerpinnig, en laat julle koaliesies groei. Die lewe kan uitdagend wees as 'n mens op jou eie is – goeie resultate kan egter behaal word as julle as 'n groep saamwerk.

Dit is julle verantwoordelikheid om juisself in ooreenstemming te bring met diegene wat 'n gemeenskaplike saak het, die verdeeldheid te genees wat ons verdeeld hou, en om diegene wat uitgelaat is en sukkel, met julle saam te neem.

Baie geluk aan al ons Kopsie-graduandi. Mag julle voortgesette sukses in al julle ondernemings behaal!

Beste wense

PROF FW PETERSEN

VISEKANSIELIER EN PRINSIPAAL | UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE VRYSTAAT

Re a le amohela moketeng wa kabo ya dikgau wa University of the Free State (UFS).

Letsatsi lena ke le kgethehileng ka nnete. Ke diketsahalo tse mmalwa haholo tse bohlokwa jwalo ka ho abelwa kgau ya yunivesithi. Letsatsi lena le bohlokwa hape le ho batho ba ileng ba le tshheheta leetong la lona. Ba bangata ba lona le ile la hlola maima a mangata leetong la lona ho fihla mona kajeno. Ba bangata ba lona ke lona ba pele malapeng a lona ho fihlella sehloholo sena sa katleho. Le fihlile motsotsong ona mme re motlotlo ka lona haholo.

Ka dinako tsohle amohelang le ho lemoha bohlokwa ba dintlha tseo le di fihleletseng ha jwale le toha boemong ba ho ba moithuti mona University of the Free State (UFS) ho fetela boemong ba ho ba graduate ya UFS.

Baithuti ba seng ba tla abelwa dikgau tsa yunivesithi e nang le dilemo tse 120, le bile le tlotla ya ho ithuta setheong sa thuto se nang le nalane e ntle e kgemang le bomphato ba yona ba hlomphehang naheng, jwalo ka ha ho boletswe ho 2024 Times Higher Education World University and Impact Rankings. Ho na le bopaki bo hlwellanang hodimo bo bontshang hore thuto e phahameng e na le monyetla wa ho sebetsa jwalo ka kofuto e hlahisang phetoho le mokgwa o hlahisang melemo e meholo ka ho fetisisa. Le hoja Mishini- thomo ya yunivesithi ya rona ka dinako tsohle e bile ho le hlomella ka tsebo le bokgoni bo hlokalalang ho etsa phetoho dithutong, re boela re lemoha hore dinto tsa boleng di bohlokwa ho etsa phapang metseng ya lona.

UFS e kgothaletsa haholo ho etsa bonnete ba hore baithuti le moifo ba na le bopihlelo bo hlaleletseng ka mahetla ba yunivesithi. Maikemisetsong a rona a ho hahamalla diphihlelo tse ipabolang, re motlotlo hore tikooho ya rona ke e loketseng bakeng sa ho fana ka bohlahe le tsebo ho atleha. Ka lebaka lena, makgabane a rona bakeng sa diphihlelo tse ipabolang, mehopolo e metjha le tshusumetso e ntle, boikarabelo, thokomelo, le toka e se nang leeme setjhabeng, le ho tswella ke dinto tse bopeletseng mesebetsing yohle ya setheo sena sa thuto.

Baithuti ba seng ba tla abelwa dikgau tsa yunivesithi, ho sa natswe hore na le tla etsa eng nakong e tlang, hopolang ho phehella ditabatabelo tsa lona ka tjheseho, mme le tswelle pele ho ba le takatso ya ho etsa phapang bophelong ba batho ba bang. Etsang hore le dikadiketswe ke batho ba sebele metseng ya sebele, ha le ntle le ruta le ho jala mosa, kutlwelobohloko, tjantjello, le temoho ya ditaba tsa sebele. Haeba le batla ho sebetsana le dipakane tse sa qetwang le ho theha lefatsho le betere – hahang marogo, dulang le le bohlahe, le ho theha maqhama a lona a ditshebedisano. Bophelo e ka ba bo phephetsang haeba o sebetsa o le mong – le ha ho le jwalo, diphetho tse babatseheng di ka fihlellwa ka tshhebedisano le ho ba ngatana-nngwe.

Dinto di mahetleng a lona ho iphaphatha le batho ba nang le dipheo tse tshwanang, ho kwala dikgeo tse re arohanyang, le ho jara batho ba ileng ba siuwa morao le ba nang le mathata a ba sitisang.

Re thoholetsa baithuti ba Kopsies kaofela ba rona ba seng ba tla abelwa dikgau tsa bona tsa yunivesithi. E se ka le ka ba le katleho e tswelang pele mekutung ya rona kaofela!

Ditakaletsa tse ntle

MOPROFESARA FW PETERSEN

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GUEST SPEAKER

DR SNOWY KHOZA



Dr Snowy Khoza is a seasoned non-executive, senior adviser, acknowledged strategist, and development activist in the infrastructure development space. She was the Group CEO of the Bigen Group from October 2010 to September 2021 when she retired from executive roles. Before Bigen, she was Group Executive at the Development Bank of Southern Africa. She has a doctorate from Brandeis University, USA, which she attained in 1996, and in 2008 she obtained an executive MBA from the University of Cape Town. She is also a graduate of the University of South Africa, the University of Fort Hare, and the University of Limpopo where she obtained her first degree.

Dr Khoza has received numerous business awards, including (i) the 67CEOs Foundation Award for her leadership and people development achievements; (ii) Avance Media 100 Most Influential African Women; (iii) Standard Bank Top Gender Empowered Individual, in addition to the 2019 recognition as Top Gender Icon; (iv) SA Professional Services Lifetime Achievement Award in Engineering in 2018; (v) Women4Africa Award in 2016; and (vi) the Top Performing Business Leader Award in South Africa in 2015.

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