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## Work Experience

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### **GIMS CONSULTING** **Owner/Director**

Mauritius/SA (2006 – )

*Consulting Services between SA and Mauritius*

- Assisted 4 JSE listed companies in establishing their entities offshore in Mauritius
- Advice and investment services to SA investors in lieu of establishing Mauritian entities for their global business
- Adviser of immigration and investment strategies to high net worth individuals for Mauritian Resident status
- Operational Review and recommendations for NPC Medical Devices Ltd (Johannesburg) resulting in savings of +R2million

### **DIGITAL NA PROPERTIES** **Director**

SA (2007 – )

*Property Development*

- Management of a specialized Investment portfolio and development in retail, office and commercial properties situated in urban development zones

### **BROLL CBRE MAURITIUS JV** **Partner**

Mauritius/SA (2007 – 2009)

*Property Development*

- Assisted various South African property development and corporate clients on IRS, RES and IHS Schemes for Mauritius

### **GIMS TRADING INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD** **Technical Director**

Mauritius/SA (1998 – 2007)

*Property Development*

- Managed export business with over 5Million R(Rands) per year exported
- Launched dried fruit processing unit supplying Shoprite Checkers, Fruit & Veg City, Diskom
- Initiated buchu indigenous plant production and created nursery in Tulbagh, Western Cape
- Initiated successful Soilmix Holdings SPII grant of R1.5M for agro technological innovation
- Engaged in joint venture for previously disadvantaged community development and upliftment projects
- Full project feasibility for Spring Water Bottling plant on Dennegeur Mountain Farm in Tulbagh.

### **CONSOLIDATED STEEL LTD** **Managing Director**

Mauritius (1991 – 2007)

- Founded and set up the largest and most modern steel rolling plant in the Mauritius
- Achieved turnover of over R60Million per year
- Introduced new control systems and achieved cost savings of R3Million per annum
- Engaged in government negotiations committing funds and production to low cost housing development
- Converted blast furnace from fire bricks to Ceramic wool technology causing a 20% saving in fuel.
- Member of Steel committee for Mauritius Standards Bureau

### **NOVA INDUSTRIES**

Mauritius (1988 – 1991)

#### **Managing Director**

- Supervised major projects and large contracts worth ~R3Million
- Set-up employee independence productivity system on a piece rate basis
- Instituted a subsidized pricing scheme for lower income area schools
- Organised training programs for skills development

### **AGRO & INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANTS LTD**

Mauritius (1987 – 1988)

#### **Project Manager**

- Conducted feasibility study and aided in implementation of particle board plant
- Coordinated construction and planning of office park and industrial estate development
- Developed business plan and feasibility study for Liquid Petroleum Gas project
- Coordinated certification requirements for Mauritius Asian Shipping corporation

## **Leadership Roles**

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### **CONSULATE FOR THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**

SA (2008 – )

#### **Honorary Consul for Cape Town & Western Cape**

- General diplomatic and consular duties and assisting the Mauritius High Commission in Pretoria
- Promoting bi-lateral trade between Mauritius and South Africa
- Assisting Mauritius Government, BOI and Enterprise Mauritius with official and Investment missions
- **Promotion of business between Western Cape, city of Cape Town and Mauritius**

### **WOODSTOCK IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

SA (2008 – )

#### **Director**

- Member of the Board with a mission to uplift business and mixed-use areas with a view of improving economic growth, investment and sustainable development in Woodstock , an area of Cape Town

### **SEKUNJALO HOLDINGS AND INDEPENDENT MEDIA**

SA (2015- )

#### **Director**

- **Fast Company magazine (World's leading publication on ICT, Innovation and Business)**

#### **Director**

- **Conde Nast Magazine group (World's leading publication on Tourism, style and leisure)**

## **Education**

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<b>Estate Agency Affairs Board, Cape Town, South Africa</b> CEA-Certified Estate Agent	2007
<b>CSIR Research Institute, Cape Town, South Africa</b> Certificate in HAACP (Food Industry)	2004
<b>Oxford College of Petroleum Studies, Oxford, UK</b> LPG and Supply Economics	1998
<b>Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mauritius</b> Certificate in CAD/CAM	1987
<b>University of California, San Diego, (UCSD), San Diego, California</b> BSc Honors Management Science & Engineering (Chemical)	1986
<b>Collège du St Esprit, Quatre Bornes, Mauritius</b> GCE A level: Physics, Chemistry, Maths, French, English ( Cambridge, UK Board of exams)	1981

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## Achievements/Awards

**Achievements** - Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, Captain - high school track team

**Awards** - Gold Medal for men's 100m hurdles, Junior national tennis champion for Mauritius

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## Other

**Languages** - Fluent English & French, Conversant in Urdu

**Interests** - Golf, scuba diving, interior design, cooking

**Member** - Bucchu Conservation Committee, Red tape reduction initiative WC province

**Learnership** - Trainee engineer for ship breaking and steel rolling industries in Singapore

- Trainee engineer for Galvanizing plant in Taiwan

- Orientation leader for first year students at University of California, San Diego

**Directorship** - MGJ Industrial Development ltd, Port Louis, Mauritius

-AG Joonas Group of Companies, Mauritius

-Woodstock Improvement district, Cape Town

-Fast Company Magazine, Cape Town

-Conde Nast Magazine, Cape Town