Driving sustainable environmental solutions

With more than a decade of experience, Manyabe Consultancy has established itself as a trusted provider of environmental and mining-related services, combining technical expertise, regulatory knowledge and a commitment to sustainable development.

Founded in 2014 by the Managing Director, Mpho Manyabe, Manyabe Consultancy (MC) is a 100% black female-owned company providing sustainable development solutions to public and private-sector organisations, including parastatals.

At the heart of the business is Mpho's extensive environmental management experience. She holds a BSc Honours Degree in Environmental Management and has more than 18 years of professional experience gained through her work with environmental consulting firms.

Her expertise has also been recognised through a number of industry and academic appointments. She was previously nominated to serve on the Gauteng Department of Environment's Environmental Impact Assessment Environmental Assessment Practitioner Committee. The committee brought together environmental assessment practitioners and departmental officials to identify challenges affecting departmental efficiencies and report these to the Executive Authority MEC.

Mpho also spent three years as a member of the Academic Advisory Committee for the Environmental Science Programme within the Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences at the Tshwane University of Technology. In this role, she contributed to the development and provision of relevant, high-quality teaching and learning content, helping to strengthen programme delivery and student outcomes.

She is registered as a Professional Natural Scientist with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions and as an Environmental Assessment Practitioner with the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa.

Building expertise across mining

Under Mpho's leadership, MC has developed significant experience within the mining sector, providing environmental management, compliance, rehabilitation



and related specialist services to major operations.

Its project portfolio includes work for:

- Assmang Manganese Black Rock Mine Operations;
- Gold Fields' South Deep JV;
- De Beers;
- Tharisa Minerals;
- Northam Zondereinde;
- Northam Booysendal;
- Liberty Coal;
- Arxo Metals;
- Ceramic Industries;
- Kimberley Ekapa Mining JV; and
- Aquarella Investments 389.

The breadth of this work demonstrates the consultancy's ability to support mining operations across different stages and environmental requirements.

Projects undertaken include, inter alia:

- Environmental Management Programme Performance Assessments;
- Environmental Authorisation and Water Use Licence audits;
- Mining Rights applications;
- Rehabilitation Plans;
- Financial Provision updates;
- Environmental Impact Assessments; and
- Air Emissions Licence applications.

MC has also undertaken specialist projects including Noise Surveys, Dust Dispersion Modelling, Alien Plant Eradication and Maintenance, Geology Pit Closure and the registration process for a Battery Energy Storage System.

Its work for Tharisa Minerals illustrates the breadth of this capability, encompassing amendments relating to tailings storage facilities and the transition to underground mining, rehabilitation work, environmental compliance audits and updates to environmental and water management programmes.

Through this combination of specialist knowledge, regulatory experience and practical project delivery, Manyabe Consultancy has built a strong foundation in environmental management and mining compliance. Led by an experienced environmental professional, the company continues to position sustainable development and responsible environmental management at the centre of its work. ▲