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### **Qualification background**

B.Sc degree, Rand Academic University (RAU), Johannesburg, South Africa, 2002.

Chamber of mines certificate in Rock Mechanics (No. 402), Chamber of Mines, South Africa, 2005.

Advanced Certificate in Rock Engineering (No. 78), Chamber of Mines, South Africa, 2006.

Graduate diploma in Engineering, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, 2007.

M. Eng degree, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, 2009

Ph.D degree, University of Pretoria, South Africa, 2016.

### **Principal employment**

2002 – 2005: Anglo American Platinum, Rustenburg Section, South Africa, Rock Engineer.

2005 – 2007: Minova RSA, South Africa, Area Manager.

2007 – 2009: Lonmin Platinum, South Africa, Strategic consultant.

2009 – Current: Lonmin Platinum, South Africa, Group Rock Engineering Manager. Role consists of managing 11 operational shafts and a staff compliment of 33 people.

### **Associations**

2002 – Current: Member of SANIRE (South African National Institute for Rock Engineers) and the ISRM.

2011 – 2016: Various portfolios on the SANIRE council.

2013 – 2015: Vice President of SANIRE.

2015 – Current: President of SANIRE and council member of the ISRM representing South Africa.

### **Key research interests**

Various forms of pillar research.

Development of new support technologies for the South African hard rock mines.

Development of various forms of instrumentation for the South African hard rock mines.

Author of approximately 16 technical papers. Aim to continue sharing information with industry through papers or presentations.