

Development of Transportation Infrastructure in the Eastern Cape, Roads, Rail and Harbour

Guest Speaker : Arthur Taute Eastern Cape 10 year Strategic Rail Plan for Commuter Rail

Arthur Taute is a registered professional engineer with 32 years of experience. He obtained an Hons B Eng degree from the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa in 1975 and an MSc degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1980. Since that time he has mainly been involved in pavement design, transportation and management system projects for Vela VKE becoming the CEO of Vela VKE in 1998. He recently retired as CEO to devote more of his time to involvement with transportation and engineering policies and projects and to manage Vela VKE 's international division.



He acts on numerous councils and steering committees and is the chairman of the Pavements Research Advisory Committee of the CSIR and also serves on the Excos of Sabita, CESA and GAMA.

He has travelled extensively and has also presented papers at numerous conferences and seminars including lecturing at the World Bank sponsored seminars on sustainable road management systems.

He is passionate about the development of engineering and engineers and ensuring that our works are appropriate, effective and as sustainable as possible.

Synopsis

Arthur Taute will present a summary of the Eastern Cape Department of Roads and Transport 10 year rail plan which has identified some challenging and exciting long term projects. The projects involve using existing rail reserves and infrastructure, and expanding upon these to provide extended and improved operations, particularly related to passenger rail. The overall aim of the plan is to improve the balance between the various modes of transport over the long term in order to increase sustainability.

The projects that have been identified need to be approached within the current rail transport policy and legislative framework. The early part of the plan involves extensive interaction with existing role players and administrators to address the policy and legal issues before the projects can be realised. The activities planned to address these will also be discussed.

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