

## **Exciting new developments**

Foreword from Trenley Tilbrook:

It is with great “remorse” and “excitement” that I must inform you that I am leaving the ilembe Chamber of Commerce at the end of February to join Tongaat Hullet Developments.

Remorse - because I am really going to miss being part of the dynamic and progressive team that I have had the privilege of working with. Remorse, because I am really going to miss being part of all the exciting projects and initiatives that are in the pipe line for the ilembe chamber of commerce over the next three years, in particular this years Entrepreneur programme and the “UIP” which is progressing extremely well.

Excitement – well, obviously because I am going to work for one of the most prominent development companies in the country. But secondly and more importantly because someone that you all know well is going to take over the reigns from me. He has been part of the ilembe chamber since its inception, helped establish the chambers mentorship programme, served as a mentor to emerging business over the last three years, been intrinsically involved in the development of the Entrepreneur, served on the executive committee and has been my personal mentor for the last three years.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the new CEO of the ilembe Chamber of Commerce, Cobus Oelofse. For more information about Cobus please refer to his Bio and if you would like to set up a meeting with Cobus, please contact Renalda on 087 727 8630 or [renalda@ilembechamber.co.za](mailto:renalda@ilembechamber.co.za)

Last, but certainly not least, I would personally like to thank every single one of you for all the warmth and support that you have shown me over the last three years. This warmth and support has helped us, together, shape the best chamber in the country! Thank you for giving me the privilege and opportunity of running your chamber.

Kind Regards  
Trenley Tilbrook

## **COBUS OELOFSE BIO – NEW CEO OF THE ILEMBE CHAMBER**



Cobus has gained his 20 years of corporate experience with both JSE and London FTSE listed public companies and his industry exposure includes the mining, manufacturing, retail logistics & supply chain and the high tech manufacturing & engineering industries, where he held executive HR roles, amongst others with regional and global remits.

After spending 10 years in the UK Cobus returned home to South Africa, and the KZN North Coast, in 2009. A significant consideration for returning home was his desire to positively contribute to the social and economic potential of South Africa, and the region that they live in.

After a career break he established himself as an independent consultant conducting consultancy assignments locally and regionally in Africa for a number of international intermediaries and clients.

Cobus holds BA (Hons), B Comm and LLM degrees and his academic research includes topics as diverse as the socio-economic agenda of employment equity legislation, the psychological employment contract as a common-law implied contract term, the influence of Trade Union Federations on public policy and the appropriateness of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, over litigation, in employment disputes.

Cobus has been involved with the iLembe Chamber since its inception, initially as a Mentor, a member of the Entrepreneurship Steering Committee and more recently as an Executive Committee member.

Cobus assumed the role of CEO of the iLembe Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Tourism in February 2014.