
NAME OF FIRM:	OABS Development Pty Ltd
NAME OF STAFF:	Ryan O Newborn
PROFESSION:	Associate – Forestry/Timber/Biomass
DATE OF BIRTH:	27 September 1982
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QUALIFICATIONS

2005 Nat Diploma Wood Tech – Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
2014 B Tech Forestry 2014 – Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
2017 MBA – Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

EXPERIENCE

Ryan is the director of both Vermisoil Africa (Pty) Ltd and Global Breeder Solutions (Pty) Ltd. Ryan's formal qualification is in the Forestry timber production and processing industry and after completing his studies he has held managerial positions with Mondi LTD and Geelhoutvlei Timbers (Pty) Ltd. Since resigning from the corporate timber industry in 2005, Ryan founded and has since developed various companies operating in the Agricultural and Timber Industries both in South Africa, and Sub Saharan Africa.

Vermisoil Africa (Pty) Ltd is involved in importing the world's leading brands of Compost Tea systems for the South African agricultural market. Ryan is extensively involved with Soil health management and remediation across South Africa. Global Breeder Solutions (Pty) Ltd is a progressive procurement and logistics company trading in agricultural commodities across the African continent.

Ryan's vast entrepreneurial skills with start-up businesses in the timber / waste / biomass industries, coupled with local and international logistics make him a valuable associate in the OABS mechanism, Ryan is part of the multidisciplinary consulting team which specialises in the following:

- Agricultural information
- Market evaluation
- Strategic planning
- Business planning
- Research services

Our clients include both local and international farming communities and companies, processing companies, trade and commodity organizations, as well as a host of other agricultural and forestry input suppliers.

On a consulting basis, Ryan has been actively involved in the following biomass/forestry projects in the last 3 years

- Cacadu District Municipality – Design and Determination of Integrated Waste to Energy Stream Cluster management and technology deployment
- PPC Cement Bio waste Conversion Composting project
- ELIDZ – Working for Water Timber waste value adding initiative
- Rhodes Food Group – Waste Management consulting
- Du Cap Fruits (Pty) Ltd – Initiation and implementation of food waste composting project – Lead Consultant
- Farm Secure (Pty) Ltd - Initiation and implementation of food waste composting project
- Northern Cape Department of Agriculture – Compost tea research project
- Orange River Wine Cellars – Compost Tea initiation
- Express Angola – system design and procurement management – Lead Consultant
- SG SOC – Cameroon – system design and procurement management – Lead Consultant