## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

## FRANCOIS JACOBUS DU PLESSIS

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## **QUALIFICATIONS**

1977 B Eng Civil – University of Stellenbosch

## **EXPERIENCE**

Francois du Plessis is a professional Civil Engineer (ECSA- and SABI registered) and has more than 40 years experience in the field of agricultural - and civil engineering. For most of his career he worked as a consultant in an agricultural engineering company in Stellenbosch. His focus area is water related projects, mainly in the agricultural field, in SA and other African countries. These include legislative aspects (lawful water use, general authorization, etc.), water source development (surface and sub-surface), earth dams, pump stations, water reticulation and infield irrigation systems. Activities are orientated towards conservation of water and energy, various aspects of master planning, design and analyses of irrigation projects, and feasibility studies.

He was project leader for several Water Research Commission (WRC) projects as well as a member in teams doing research on the subjects related to small scale farming, crop water requirement, efficiency of irrigation systems, and agricultural water metering.

He was a member of the WCADI software development team in Israel (integrated irrigation design software), and spent considerable time in SA and abroad training users of the software.

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