

Paarl Media invests in KZN



Following the recent acquisition of the printing division of Natal Witness, Paarl Media has made further substantial investments into the upgrade and improvement of the existing printing facility in Pietermaritzburg. These investments see a significant increase in the capacity of Paarl Coldset Pietermaritzburg and introduce a high degree of automation through added technology.

Since acquiring the coldset printing facility in 2012, Paarl Media has undertaken projects totalling into a capital investment of R107 million. The upgrade to Paarl Coldset Pietermaritzburg has greatly improved working conditions and operational efficiency.

Paarl Media is confident this investment will benefit the existing and potential clients of Paarl Coldset Pietermaritzburg and foresee a positive impact on the community in which it operates, through additional employment.

Taking a look at CSI



Educating our nation and giving the youth of our country a fighting chance is important to us as individuals at Paarl Media and as a business.

In the past year, there have been a number of major CSI projects that the Group has proudly supported, namely the Ubomi Youth Foundation and the 94+ schools for Madiba Project. Ubomi Youth Foundation is a registered NPO working to enhance the lives of young people through the development and implementation of community based programmes which mentors youth living in drug and crime ridden communities. Paarl Media supported the 94+ schools for Madiba project with the building of the Clarkebury Senior School and community sports facility.

Other projects that the Group has continued to support include printing of the Big Issue which is going into its 16th year. The National Teaching Awards has been supported for three years and aims to recognise and encourage dedicated and caring teachers in their efforts to develop learners. In addition, the Paarl Media Bursary Fund in its sixth year, aids young hopefuls to reach their dreams through the funding of their tertiary education.

Looking ahead, our Group's strategic approach for social investment is to focus in on education and skills development while actively engaging with the communities in which we operate. As a Group we are looking at raising the bar in 2014. Each entity is encouraged to identify initiatives within their regions and as a Group, we are gearing towards a project that will not only make everyone working at Paarl Media proud, but also our partners and stakeholders. Here is to 2014 and a commitment to do something memorable and remarkable that will make a sustainable difference.

Management Announcements



Kelvin Pillay



Christoff Botha

The Paarl Media Group has recently appointed Kelvin Pillay as the new Managing Director of Paarl Media Cape.

Kelvin joins the Group from Goodyear South Africa where he held the title of Plant Director and, prior to that, had a history with Murray & Roberts. Kelvin has a B.Eng. (Chemical) degree from the University of Pretoria and a MBA from the Business School of the Netherlands.

Paarl Media Cape offers both publication gravure and headset web offset printing for the production of medium to high volume commercial work, magazines, books and catalogues. Paarl Media Cape is one of Paarl Media's 12 specialised printing operations and is renowned for its environmental strategies and systems within the Group.

Kelvin takes the reins from Christoff Botha who headed up the Paarl Media Cape plant for over five years. Botha has been promoted to Executive Director: Heatset where he will oversee the Group's four national heatset plants in the Cape, Paarl, KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng.

We welcome Kelvin to the Group and wish both Christoff and him every success in their new roles. We are extremely pleased to have such experienced leadership in our heatset division providing exceptional products and personal service.

The heatset plants leadership stands as such that Paul de Bruin has been promoted as the Managing Director of Paarl Media Gauteng, Leadership of Paarl Media KZN has been consolidated under Executive Director, Piet le Roux and Thys de Jager remains as the head of Paarl Media Paarl in his capacity as General Manager.

Paarl Media rising to meet ISO standards



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The importance of such standards is well understood by Paarl Media. Training is one of the most important aspects for any system to function properly. Most SHEQ personnel within our Group have completed these standards and are all well equipped with the requirements.

Paarl Media is proud to announce that the following facilities are certified in the requirements of ISP 9001:2008: Paarl Media Cape, Paarl Media KZN, Paarl Labels, Paarl Coldset Bloemfontein, Paarl Coldset Port Elizabeth, Paarl Coldset Pietermaritzburg, Paarl Coldset Johannesburg, and Paarl Coldset Cape Town. Our remaining facilities are all working towards certification.