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Project Management Zimbabwe leaders to speak at PM South African conference in Johannesburg

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24 September 2014 – Harare, Zimbabwe – South Africa will host Africa's Largest Project Management Conference in Johannesburg next week from 29 September to 1 October 2014. Organised and hosted by South Africa's Largest Association of Project Managers, Project Management South Africa (PMSA), the 3 day project management international gathering held biennially is set bring together over 500 project management technocrats from across the continent and abroad to discuss project management solutions for Africa, under the theme " **Growing Project Management in Africa**".

Zimbabwe will be represented at the conference by representatives from the local national Association of Project Managers, Project Management Zimbabwe (PMZ). PMZ Board Member and Chief Executive Officer, Mr **Ralph Ellis** and Mr **Peter Banda** respectively will participate at the PMSA conference where they will take part in a panel discussion to brainstorm the status of projects and project management in Zimbabwe.



PMSA CEO Mrs **Taryn Van Olden** has extended a formal invitation to PMZ to take part at the conference and has expressed excitement that Zimbabwe will receive yet another global platform to sell investment project opportunities in the country as pronounced in the Zimbabwe Agenda for Socio-Economic Transformation (ZIM-ASSET).

In recent years, Africa has gone from being described as 'The Hopeless Continent' (Economist Magazine, 2000), to 'The Hopeful Continent' (Economist Magazine, 2013). This hopefulness may be attributed to sub-Saharan Africa being home to some of the fastest growing economies in the world; the improving business climate and interest from foreign investors; and transforming governments and governance to name just a few positive indicators.

The Infrastructure Projects for Africa debate will be central at the conference discussions according to Mrs Taryn Van Olden, as infrastructure is key to Africa's development and contributes significantly to the continent's per capita growth rate through global sentiment and enhanced productivity.

"For Africa, infrastructure means far more than bricks and mortar. It means IT systems, enhanced financial services, enabling telecommunications solutions, governance protocols, improved service delivery, new sources of energy, and

optimisation of our endowments of natural resources. In short, infrastructure means progress, and infrastructure means projects. With investment estimated at \$93 billion for new, rehabilitated and maintained infrastructure on the continent, the time for the skilled African project manager is now", said Mrs Olden.

For more details about this conference please download the attached information document or go to the PMSA website for the full programme of events <http://www.projectmanagement.org.za/?page=Conference2014>



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