Celenkosini Gabriel Lukhele, Pr. Eng

I am an Advisory Board Member, Committee Member, Senior Manager, Technology Architect, Engineer, and a Geophysicist, with significant board level experience and over 16 years of executive-level experience, with particular experience in Digital Strategy and Technical services, within the natural resource, energy, and manufacturing industry:

- At the board level, what I do is help organisations examine digital threats and opportunities. I leverage
 innovation and technologies to stimulate business growth, optimise operational efficiency, and improve
 safety & sustainability. Specifically, I spearhead the management and delivery of transformations,
 focusing on governance, talent & culture, advanced business analytics, technology roadmaps,
 automation, data & AI strategy, and innovation.
- At a Senior Management capacity, I am currently a Senior Manager for De Beers Group Exploration, Americas and Southern Africa. Here I lead and oversee the digital transformation roadmap for the organisation in expediting mineral discoveries and exploration. Previously I was the Digital, Technology & Data Analytics Manager and Lead for several natural resource and energy South-African-based companies, like Kumba Iron Ore, Exxaro Coal Mine, Eskom Coal Fired Power Plant, Sappi Saiccor Pulp Mill, and Engen Oil & Gas Refinery. In these roles, I implemented strategies that significantly minimised hazardous incidents, improved plant productivity and total mine tonnage, improved oil quality, and increased plant uptime and life of plant/mine.
- Finally, I have a Master of Business Administration from USB, a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Geophysics from Wits, and a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Chemical Engineering from UKZN. I am a graduate of the Applied Business Analytics Executive Programme from MIT Sloan School of Management. I have been nominated as one of the Top 50 Technology Leaders in South Africa, in 2023 and 2024. I featured in Tech Magazine such as Stroud & Clarke Ltd-Tech-Exec Issue 20, and Exito Media Concepts Pvt Ltd-DT50 (50 Tech Leaders to Watch in SA). I am a member of the Institution of Chemical Engineers (UK), and the Engineering Council of South Africa.

Education

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Geophysics University of Witwatersrand, SA (2023)

Executive Programme - Applied Business Analytics MIT Sloan School of Management, USA (2021)

Master of Business Administration
University of Stellenbosch Business School, SA (2018)

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Chemical Engineering University of KwaZulu Natal, SA (2009)

Recognition & Achievements

Top 50 Digital Transformation Leaders in RSA, Exito Media Concepts Pvt Ltd, 2023 & 2024

Certificate of Achievement, Digital Roadmap Development, Exxaro Resources Limited, 2021

Additional Experience

LinkedIn • ZA

BI Advisory Board Member, Eventful People, ZABusiness Intelligence Innovation & Technology, 2023

Professional Reviewer, IChemE, UKProfessional Reviewer (Charted Membership), 2023

Guest Lecturer, Change & Technology AdoptionUniversity of Witwatersrand, SA, 2019 – 2022

External Examiner, Final Year Project Students University of KwaZulu-Natal, SA, 2021 - 2022

Professional Certification

Charted Chemical Engineer, Institute of Chemical Engineers (IChemE), UK, since 2014

Professional Engineer, Engineering Council of South Africa, ZA, since 2013
Certified ScrumMaster®, Scrum Alliance®, 2020