



### **New Chairperson of the Board Announced**

EcoStandard South Africa has come a long way from its humble beginnings as a conceptual idea to a proudly South African, trusted Ecolabel for materials. We are proud to announce that the Board of EcoStandard South Africa has elected Professor Harro von Blottnitz the new Chairperson of the Board. He succeeds Sally-Anne Kasner, who will continue to lead the management committee and operate the day-to-day activities.



**Professor von Blottnitz** (BSc (ChemEng), Cape Town, BSc Hons O.R., Unisa, MSc (Eng), Cape Town, Dr.-Ing. RWTH Aachen) is a Professor at the University of Cape Town's (UCT) Department of Chemical Engineering Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, and has been a contributing Technical Committee member and Board Member of EcoStandard since 2013.

He defines his research and teaching interests by the multiple challenges of sustainable development in developing countries, esp. as these pertain to resource flows. Interests span topics in the fields of Sustainability and Systems Analysis, Renewable Fuels Processing (biogas, biodiesel and bio-ethanol), Waste Management and Sustainable Consumption. Since joining the University of Cape Town in 1998, 50 Masters and 5 PhD students have completed their theses under his supervision. He has authored or co-authored 50 peer-reviewed papers, 3 book chapters and 59 full conference papers. He has taught widely in the undergraduate curriculum and has introduced sustainability into the curriculum at both the undergraduate and postgraduate level. In 2009, he led a team that hosted the 4th international Life Cycle Management conference in Cape Town. As of 2016, he is the Deputy Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering.

From 1995 until May 1998 he was employed at the Chair for Mineral Processing, Beneficiation and Waste Treatment at the Aachen University of Technology in Germany. There, he also completed his doctoral dissertation, in which he developed an extension of the sampling theory of particulate solids for applications in recycling operations. The doctorate in engineering was awarded summa cum laude in 1999.

With his roots in South Africa's Eastern Cape and in Namibia, he commenced his academic career with a BSc in Chemical Engineering (first class honours) from the University of Cape Town in 1990. After two years as a process engineer on a PVC production plant, he returned to UCT in 1993, obtaining an MSc.Eng. in 1994 for a dissertation that studied options for hazardous waste management in steel making by a life cycle assessment.

EcoStandard South Africa is proud to have such a distinguished Leader, and look forward to ongoing success under his thoughtful and insightful guidance.

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