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Petersen new Hortgro director

The deciduous fruit industry body, Hortgro, is proud to announce the appointment of Angelo Petersen as a new board director. Petersen who has more than 25 years' experience as senior executive, board director, general manager, and leader in the private and public sectors, will be joining the Hortgro Board from January 2020.

Over the past two decades Petersen has been active in the transformation process of the fruit industry and has facilitated numerous successful land transformation, social development initiatives, and public-private partnerships.

He is well-known in the fruit industry and has been the non-executive Chairperson of the Perishable Products Exports Control Board (PPECB) since 2013. Petersen was a senior executive and board director at global fruit and logistics player, the Capespan Group (CGL) from 1999 until 2019, where he held senior positions in strategy, human resources and general management. He also served on the boards of a number of a Capespan subsidiaries and joint ventures. Prior to joining Capespan he held senior HR positions with the Boeresake Group and International Colleges Group (ICG).

Petersen matriculated from Bellville South Secondary School in 1987 and obtained various qualifications in human resource management. He is an avid reader, aspiring philosopher, social golfer, husband, and father. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Leadership Development (cum laude) from Stellenbosch University, and is an alumnus of the Africa Directors Board Leadership Programme with the USB which he completed in 2019.

According to Petersen he is looking forward to bringing his experience and learnings to advance the mandate of Hortgro by ensuring good corporate governance and enhancing engagement with all stakeholders. "I want to help create an enabling environment to increase the export competitiveness of the pome and stone fruit industries, and to contribute to the ongoing transformation initiatives in the sector," he said.

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Petersen nuwe Hortgro direkteur

Die sagtevrugtebedryfsliggaam, Hortgro, kondig met trots aan dat Angelo Petersen as direksiedirekteur met ingang Januarie 2020 aangestel is. Petersen het meer as 25 jaar ervaring as senior uitvoerende beampte, direksiedirekteur, hoofbestuurder en leier in die private en openbare sektor. Hy speel reeds vir twee dekades 'n aktiewe rol in die transformasieproses van die vrugtebedryf en het talle suksesvolle grondhervormingsinisiatiewe vir maatskaplike ontwikkeling en openbare-private vennootskappe gefasiliteer.



Petersen is algemeen bekend in die vrugtebedryfkring en is sedert 2013 die nie-uitvoerende voorsitter van die Bederfbare Produkte Uitvoerbeheerraad (PPECB). Hy was van 1999 tot 2019 'n senior uitvoerende bestuurder en direkteur van die wêreldwye vrugte- en logistieke speler, die Capespan Group (CGL), waar hy senior posisies gehad het in strategie, menslike hulpbronne en algemene bestuur. Hy dien ook op die direksies van 'n aantal Capespan-filiale en gesamentlike ondernemings. Voordat hy by Capespan aangesluit het, het hy senior menslike hulpbronbestuurposisies beklee by die Boeresake-groep en International Colleges Group (ICG).

Petersen het in 1987 aan Bellville-Suid Sekondêre Skool gematrikuleer en het verskeie kwalifikasies in menslike hulpbronbestuur verwerf. Hy is 'n ywerige leser, aspirant-filosof, sosiale gholfspeler, eggenoot en pa. Hy het 'n nagraadse diploma in leierskapsontwikkeling (cum laude) van die Universiteit van Stellenbosch, en is 'n alumnus van die Afrika-bestuursraad se leierskapsprogram (USB) wat hy in 2019 voltooi het.

Volgens Petersen sien hy daarna uit om sy ervaring en kennis te gebruik om Hortgro se mandaat te bevorder deur goeie korporatiewe bestuur en interaksie met belanghebbendes te verbeter. "Ek wil help om 'n inklusiewe omgewing te skep om die uitvoermededingendheid van die kern- en steenvrugtebedrywe te bevorder en om by te dra tot die voortgesette transformasie-inisiatiewe in die sektor," het hy gesê.