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Résumé

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Name of Firm:	AGES Limpopo (PTY) Ltd
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Years with Firm:	6 years
Key Qualifications:	M.Sc. Nature Conservation

On completion of my post-graduate qualifications, I was employed by three different institutions as a lodge manager, from January 2000 until May 2004, assisting the owners in the everyday management and running of the tourist operations. With time, my managerial and administrative skills were improved, including my people skills. At the last institution (Makulu Makete Wildlife Reserve), I was also appointed as the on-site ecologist apart from my duties as field guide and environmental educator. My people skills improved further and I gained valuable experience in the field of ecology, first hand.

From June 2004 until May 2008 I joined Envirodel (CC) Ecological and Wildlife Management Services and DUBEL (CC) Integrated Environmental Services as co-consultant on a number of projects, including the drafting of management plans for the Limpopo Provincial Nature Reserves as well as the co-coordinating and managing of Environmental Impact Assessment projects.

In June 2009 I accepted a position at AGES as Environmental Assessment Practitioner. This move allowed me to gain considerably more experience in the field of Environmental Management and the role Environmental Impact Assessments play therein.

The EIA process does not stand in isolation and apart from managing the EIA process from application to the obtaining of Environmental Authorization, there is other legislation that needs to be adhered to. This led to my involvement in the applications of permits and licenses in terms of other legislation, including the Water Act, the Forestry Act, and Environmental Management Waste Act etc.

During the construction period of most of the projects for which environmental authorization was obtained I act as Environmental Control Officer (ECO) and conduct the Environmental monitoring on site for the duration of the construction period.

As Environmental Assessment Practitioner I have successfully managed the Environmental Impact Assessment process for a number of renewable energy projects which participated in the IPP Programme, issued 3rd August 2011 by the Department of Energy. Up to date five of these projects have been awarded Preferred Bidder Status.

List of successful Renewable Energy projects in terms of the IPP Program:

- Soutpan and Witkop Solar Park (Limpopo Province) – Received Preferred Bidder Status and already feeding power into the Eskom grid.
- Boshof Solar Park (Northern Cape, near Kimberley) – Received Preferred Bidder Status – construction near completion.
- Pulida Solar Park (Free State) – Received Preferred Status – construction due to start.
- Tom Burke Solar Park (Limpopo Province) – Received Preferred Bidder Status – construction due to start.

Other Renewable Energy Projects which received Environmental Authorisation:

- Lichtenburg Solar Park (North West Province)
- Vaalwater Solar Park (Limpopo Province)
- Carocraft Solar Park (North West Province)
- Manlenox Solar Park (Northern Cape Province)
- Mafikeng Solar Park (North West)
- Dioflash Solar Park (Northern Cape)
- Carodex Solar Park (Northern Cape)
- Vidigenix Solar Park (North West)
- Anjutone Solar Park (Northern Cape)

- Rhodes Solar Park (Northern Cape)
- Shirley Solar Park (Northern Cape)
- Avondale Solar Park (Northern Cape)
- Vlakpan Solar Park (Northern Cape)
- Bela Bela Solar Park (Limpopo Province)
- Delta Solar Park (Limpopo Province)
- Spitskop Solar Park (Limpopo Province)
- Platinum Solar Park (Limpopo Province)

Other projects:

- S24G Application – Oudtshoorn Aerodrome Hangar (Western Cape)
- Kareebosch ZZ2 pipeline – Limpopo Province
- East Power Line – Northern Cape
- Polokwane Eastern Boulevard – Monitoring
- Polokwane Eastern Boulevard – Water Use License Application
- Elandsdrift Pack House – Water Use License Application