

GIDEON GROENEWALD - PHD

Date and place of birth: 30th September 1955, Lady Grey, Eastern Cape, South Africa

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- BSc (Hons) PhD (NMMU), Nat Dip Nat Con (UNISA)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Earth Scientist - South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP).
- Member – Palaeontological Association of Southern Africa
- Member – Geological Association of Southern Africa

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- *Environmental Education* - 1986-present : take school children on field trips, assist in filming of educational TV programs on interpretative geology, palaeontology and ecology, including grassveld ecology and the ecology of lichens . University of the North (Qwaqwa branch) short course in Eco- tourism at Hons level.
- *Palaeontology* - 1978-present : Environmental Impact Assessments and Fossil hunting expeditions for international and local tourist market
- *Geology and Earth Sciences*: 1999 – present: Director (Metsi Metseng Geological and Environmental Services CC)

SPECIFIC RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- Involved with numerous development proposals including:
- 2005-2006: Consultant to Maluti-A-Phofung Municipality to develop Tourism Sector Plan (DBSA Project)
- 2001-2010: Contractual appointment: Peace Parks Foundation: Lesotho Transfrontier Facilitator for the Maloti-Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation Development and other related Transfrontier projects. Mainly involved in development of Responsible Tourism in Lesotho and border regions of South Africa.
- 2005-present: Ad hoc appointment as environmental consultant (geology, geohydrology and soils) to assess environmental impacts at road accidents where tanker trucks are involved in large scale spillages of dangerous goods
- 2008 – 2011: Appointed Palaeontologist on the Ingula Pumped Storage Scheme of Eskom Holdings (Pty) Ltd
- 2009 – present: Appointed Palaeontologist for the new Multi Purpose Petroleum Pipeline installation from Heidelberg (Gauteng) to Durban
- 2010 – 2012: Appointed Geohydrologist to supply groundwater to the town of Senekal/Matwabeng
- 2009 – present: Involved in various Palaeontological Impact Assessment for bulk services, roads, renewable energy projects and mines. Clients include: Enviroworks, Umlando Archeological and Tourism Resource Management, PGS consulting, GIBBS, CES Aurecon, LHL and other consulting firms.