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South African accountant Giam Swiegers takes the helm at leading engineering company

Giam Swiegers will join Aurecon as Global Chief Executive Officer on Monday, 2 February 2015.

“Monday will be my first day as the Global CEO of Aurecon and it’s very exciting. The engineering and professional services markets are experiencing unprecedented change and offer enormous opportunities for a company like Aurecon, which is leading in technology driven innovation and tailoring its services to meet client needs around the entire infrastructure lifecycle,” says Swiegers.

“I remember Africon (one of Aurecon’s heritage companies) well from my early career days in Tshwane. I know what a terrific contribution Aurecon makes in many industries across South Africa. I am very proud to take this role as Global CEO of such a company,” he adds.

Swiegers began his career as an auditor with Deloitte in South Africa and was previously Managing Partner of Deloitte’s Tshwane office after working for Deloitte in the United States of America. He joins Aurecon from his previous role as Chief Executive Officer of Deloitte Australia after a highly successful 12 years in the role. Deloitte won both the Accounting Firm of the Year and the Audit Firm of the Year in the Australian Financial Review CFO Awards 2013-2014, with judges highlighting Deloitte’s innovation and agility.

“He has a superb track record as a CEO and is a great cultural fit for us as a business. His accomplishments in building a great culture and an agile, growing business are a great strategic fit for us as an expanding global business,” says Teddy Daka, Global Chairman, Aurecon.

Lulu Gwagwa, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Aurecon South Africa, adds: “Having worked both locally and abroad, Swiegers brings to our business an understanding of development challenges in both South Africa and beyond and is ideally positioned to ensure we continue to make a significant contribution to the African continent.”

With 7 500 staff across Australia New Zealand, Africa, Asia and the Middle East, Aurecon provides engineering, management and specialist technical services for public and private

sector clients globally. The result of a three-way merger in 2009 between Australian engineering company Connell Wagner and South African companies Africon and Ninham Shand, the company delivers services across the span of the infrastructure lifecycle in 12 industries.

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About Aurecon

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With an office network extending across 26 countries, Aurecon has been involved in projects in over 80 countries across Africa, Asia Pacific, the Middle East and the Americas and employs around 7 500 people throughout 12 industry groups:

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- Data & Telecommunications
- Defence
- Energy
- Government
- International Development Assistance
- Oil & Gas
- Manufacturing
- Property
- Resources
- Transport
- Water

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