

## **Prestigious Sponsors Get Behind SAPICS Conference**

**Prestigious sponsors that include Barloworld Logistics and software solutions specialist SYSPRO have confirmed their support of the upcoming annual SAPICS Conference, Africa's leading knowledge sharing and networking event for supply chain professionals, which is hosted by SAPICS, The Professional Body for Supply Chain Management.**

Now in its 41<sup>st</sup> successful year, the SAPICS Conference takes place in Cape Town from 9 to 12 June 2019. Mungo Park, SAPICS president, says that the support from leading South African and multinational organisations reflects the significance of this event. *"Skills development and the professionalisation of supply chain management has never been more critical than it is today, in our increasingly global, challenging, complex and dynamic business environment. Virtually everything that we use or touch every day has reached us through supply chains, which have the power not just to ensure the smooth flow of goods and services from the point of origin to the point of consumption; but hold the power to save lives, to save the planet and ensure brighter futures for individuals, organisations and communities,"* Park stresses.

Barloworld Logistics is a Gold sponsor of the 2019 SAPICS Conference. Established in 2001, the organisation has grown into a significant supply chain solutions business in southern Africa, with complementary operations in the Middle East. Combining a smart approach with innovative thinking and supply chain foresight, Barloworld Logistics designs, implements, manages and operates smart supply chain solutions that grow its clients' bottom lines.

SAPICS 2019 Gold sponsor SYSPRO has been simplifying business complexity for manufacturers and distributors worldwide for almost 40 years. SYSPRO's powerful Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system provides an end-to-end business solution for optimised cost control, streamlined business processes, improved productivity, and real-time data analysis for comprehensive reporting and decision-making. More than 15 000 licensed companies use SYSPRO globally.

CHEP, Eazi Access, Fortna, Goscor, Imperial Logistics and Redefine Properties are Silver sponsors of the 2019 SAPICS Conference. JDA and Jungheinrich are Support sponsors.

*"We are delighted and honoured to have sponsors of the calibre of these leading organisations for this year's event," Park enthuses.*

He reveals that Silver sponsor CHEP will ensure that the 2019 SAPICS Conference reflects the growing global drive for greener supply chains. *"CHEP will make the event carbon neutral," he explains. "This will be achieved by calculating the carbon footprint of the event, based on the number of delegates and their travel itineraries. CHEP will then purchase carbon credits to offset this."*

For further information or to register for SAPICS 2019, call 011 023 6701 or email [info@SAPICS.org.za](mailto:info@SAPICS.org.za). Up-to the-minute information is also posted on the SAPICS Conference website: <https://conference.SAPICS.org>

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Since its foundation in 1966, SAPICS, The Professional Body for Supply Chain Management, has become the leading provider of knowledge in supply chain management, production and operations in Southern Africa.

SAPICS builds operations management excellence in individuals and enterprises through superior education and training, internationally recognised certifications, comprehensive resources and a country-wide network of accomplished industry professionals. This network is ever expanding and now includes associates in other African countries. SAPICS is proud to represent APICS (the global end-to-end supply chain association) as its exclusive premier channel partner in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Established 40 years ago, the annual SAPICS Conference is the leading event in Africa for supply chain professionals. The 2019 SAPICS Conference takes place in Cape Town, from 9 to 12 June.