

Résumé

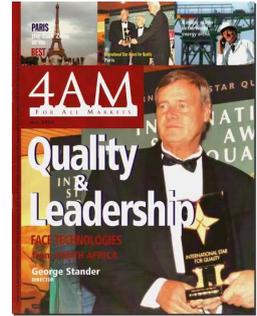
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Personal Statement

I am a management professional and entrepreneur with 40-plus years' experience spearheading major business development and consultancy operations for various entities. Employed in any of the key organisational profiles, I can contribute vital skills towards driving enterprise objectives and charting an enterprise growth path.

Education and Institutional Memberships

- Studied Psychology – University of South Africa
- Various courses including Executive Monitoring and Evaluation Programmes – University of Pretoria Business School
- Joint Staff course (used in the military to profile and evaluate senior officers earmarked for promotion to the rank of general/admiral) – South African Defence College
- Qualified NLP LAB Profile Practitioner in Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP)
- Member – US-driven Software Maintenance Association
- Member – Southern African Directors Association

Professional Experience

I served in the South African Air Force for 15 years (1965 – 1981), with areas of service including operational, finance, logistics, and computerisation of Air Force management and control systems, and overseas assignments (US). I was directly involved in the drafting/executing of the Air Force's five-, ten- and 20-year strategic/growth/development plans and in the acquisition of major aircraft and defence systems. During this period I was awarded the **Chief of Defence Force Commendation Medal**.

During 1981 I ventured from the SA Air Force holding the rank of **Colonel** and entered the private sector as a recognised industry leader specialising in information and communication technology (ICT) solutions, where I served on several Board of Directors, variously as MD and Board Chairman, with primary focus areas and responsibilities including strategic planning, acquisitions, negotiating and structuring of joint venture companies. A particular assignment entailed taking several South African companies into the global arena – a very challenging and rewarding task. In 2005, I was honoured to receive an International Star Award (Gold) for Quality by BID (Business Initiative Directions) in Paris, and during the same time, CEO Magazine in South Africa named me a **'Titan of Transformation'** together with other prominent people in my country.

In 2006 I retired from full-time corporate life and ventured into freelance business consulting. In 2007, on the basis of my experience gained in previous positions and in response to market needs, I established Mastra Consulting as a consulting entity providing management and strategy support.

International Exposure

I was involved in training, business ventures and deal structuring initiatives in the following countries: US, Brazil, UK, France, Germany, Belgium, Austria, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Middle East (Israel, Dubai, Kuwait etc.), Mauritius, Poland and Sweden.

Sincerely,

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