

2020 A YEAR TO REMEMBER

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW:

Whilst 2020 is going to be a year for the history books, we are grateful that our team have remained safe during this Pandemic thus far. We were fortunate enough to continue our work during this time and still provide our Clients with a high quality of service.

Unfortunately, 2020 did not materialize as we had planned it. There were missed opportunities to strengthen our team bonds and engage with the public in ways we enjoy.

However, since safety was our foremost priority - we adapted to the change swiftly to ensure our Clients and team remained safe.

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2020 PROJECTS

The team of Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) were fortunate enough to work on a vast array of projects this year. Some of the projects we worked on are highlighted below:

Roads:

We have extensive experience in undertaking applications for multiple road projects across KwaZulu-Natal and most recently Eastern Cape. The assessments included BARs, WULAs, EMPr's and rehabilitation plans.

Structures:

The team had the opportunity of working on road structures throughout KZN which ranged from small scale structures to high level bridge structures.

Wetland Rehabilitation:

Our Wetland Rehabilitation project was a first for us. We are in the process of undertaking a Basic Assessment Report for this project. This was a unique and exciting project which has expanded the Company experience.

Cemetery Establishments:

We are currently providing Environmental Services on 3 proposed cemetery sites throughout the Province. These works included Feasibility reports and Basic Assessments.



Environmental Control Audits:

We pride ourselves in ensuring that the environment of a development is protected. Environmental Control Officers (ECO) work tirelessly on-site to ensure that the Engineer and Contractor are adhering to the mitigation measures outlined in the Authorisations. Our projects which involved Environmental Compliance work varied from Local Roads to Housing Projects and Transport Infrastructure upgrades.

Housing Developments:

The scope of works for our Housing Development projects varied from the preparation of Authorisations to Environmental Control Audits during construction. These projects will provide much needed housing for the community.



SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

This year, we successfully obtained Authorisations for several of our projects. The scope of works varied from the preparation of Basic Assessment Reports to WULA applications. Our dedicated team devoted themselves to ensuring that the Client's objectives were met even though the Country was facing the challenges of a Global Pandemic.

We thank our Clients for placing their trust in us to perform the job!



ISO 9001

Since 2019 the team has been striving towards the ISO 9001 accreditation. An inclusive team approach was adopted to tailor make solutions which are specific to the operations of Hanslab. We have already seen the benefits of these measures in the daily operation of the Company. We hope to attain this accreditation in the near future.



CONTINUOUS LEARNING

Hanslab always encourages its staff to further their studies and improve their knowledge. This year two of the female Environmental Assessment Practitioners completed their Honours in Environmental Management. The knowledge and experience gained over the years are an asset to the Company.





COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

2020 has been a year of despair for many South Africans across the Country. We at Hanslab have always held social responsibility as a high priority.

Although our plan for Community-Driven Initiatives for the year did not materialise in its entirety - we were able to adapt our strategies whilst adhering to strict COVID-19 safety precautions.

The following initiatives were conducted this year:

- Clothes Collection Drive
- Mandela Day Mask Donation
- October Lunchbox Drive



WEBSITE LAUNCH

The Management and PR Team worked tirelessly to upgrade the Company website. We combined user-friendly methods for the viewer to access relevant information about the Company as well as creating an opportunity for us to engage with our audience in a more efficient manner.



5 YEARS OF HANSLAB

In May 2020, we reached the milestone of 5 years in operation. In this time, we have provided services to our Country with the ethos of protecting our environment whilst aiding infrastructure development. Throughout the years, we have engaged with an array of specialists in the field as well as Clients who have given us the opportunity to gain experience in a variety of developments.