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About the company:

Vharida Group (VG) (Pty) Ltd. is 100% black owned company that was established in 2017 with a company number: **2017/063891/07**. The **MANAGING DIRECTOR** has successfully completed his bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Venda for Science and Technology in 2005 and had majored in:

- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Environmental Resource Management
- Resource Evaluation and Information and
- Geography of South Africa
- Remote Sensing and GIS
- Biogeography

Additional to his under-graduate studies, he has completed a Snake ID & Snakebite Treatment & Venomous Snake Handling course and First Aid Level3. He is fully computer literate and experienced

The company is currently rendering environmental services for **Consolidated Power Projects** in Vredendal, Western Cape for **Transnet**. The project entails the upgrade of a 50Kv Traction Feeder Substation and 50Kv Overhead Powerline. The manager in his personal capacity has worked extensively with Transnet on different projects and all has successfully been legally compliant from site establishment to rehabilitation. In the humble beginnings the Managing Director worked on field as a data capture for Statistics South Africa dwelling survey project and further worked as a GIS Technician in 2007. He entered the environmental Field in 2008 under the leadership of Strategic Environmental Focus (SEF). This platform offered growth and versatility as one was not confined to doing one task, from Environmental Management Plans, Basic Assessment drafting and site inspection/monitoring wherein from inspection report were drafted that were

submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (then).

Over the years the MANAGING DIRECTOR has gained over 10 years working experience in the field of environment. Some of his key areas of experience include the value and skills he offered as Environmental Officer on Transnet's New Multi-Purpose Pipeline construction project for over a year which involved extensive field work, on-site management and valuable experience was gained in managing construction activities towards minimal environmental impacts. Here he had to monitor, on daily basis, activities during the construction of a pipeline through sensitive wetlands, rivers, graves, protected vegetation and private land. Furthermore, he is acquainted in the field of search and rescue as this was also part of the services that he offered during his tenure as an Environmental Officer on this project. He had to ensure that all conditions of the Environmental Authorisation (EA), Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and Water Use

License (WUL) as well as environmental legislation and environmental best practices/standards are adhered to. Monitoring reports had to be compiled on a regular basis and provided to Transnet for further assimilation in communication to the DEA.

He further spent another year working on similar linear construction work with Johannesburg Water as the client. During another tenure of two (2) years, he has managed and monitored site activities and compliance to the EA, EMP, Tree permits and WUL for a solar farm construction project in the Northern Cape. Close to another 6 years he worked on large 400 kV transmission lines where I acted both as an ECO and EO roles for different projects. It was here that he had to manage communication between different levels of management regarding the on-site activities. Objective views on matters and logical thinking was paramount in these roles.

What sets VG apart from other entities apart from being new in the industry is the fact the it is managed by an [©Vharida Group 2019](#)

individual who apart from his passion to the environment, he has vast experience in both EO and ECO roles and not just for linear projects such as powerlines, pipelines but point source affecting projects such as sub-stations and a large solar farm project. Since most of these roles are undertaken in the remote areas/bushes, he also comes with a snake handling and snake bite treatment certificate and he can adapt to most working environments and his people and communication skills are an asset to any construction project. At VG we promise great and exceptional services and where the skills are short within the reach of the company, our promise is that necessary skilled people/affiliates will be sourced to ensure that our clients get the best service possible.

Below are the environmental Services VG offers

1. Environmental Monitoring and Auditing

- + Implement and maintain the Environmental Management Plan (EMP)
- + Implement and maintain inspection tools, including procedures,

- checklist and standard reporting formats;
- + Monitor compliance with the conditions of the Environmental Authorization, Environmental Management Plan and other applicable permits or licenses;
- + Plant search and rescue

2. Basic Assessment, Scoping and EIA Process

- + Evaluate and investigate the impact of developments within the context of various environmental tools i.e. basic assessment, Scoping, EIA and Environmental Management Plan
- + Managing the BA, Scoping and EIA processes
- + Compiling of reports i.e. BA; Scoping; EIA and EMP
- + Public Participation

3. Public Participation

We provide contemporary and independent services to facilitate activities and meaningful stakeholder's participation as required by the South African legislation, guidelines, strategies and policies.

- + Independent facilitation of group meetings, community, workshops and public events
- + Community engagement plans

- + Community and environmental awareness creation

4. Environmental Education

- + Waste Management
- + Effects of pollution
- + Effects of Biodiversity Loss
- + Faunal Management
- + Water Bodies

5. Bush-clearing, Search & Rescue

- + Licensed PCO
- + Vegetation search & rescue

6. Rehabilitation and Waste Management

- + Waste management plans
- + Rehabilitation plans in consultation with the Botanist/Ecologist as required by the EA and/or EMP

COMPANY RESOURCES

- + Environmental Control Officers
- + Environmental Officers
- + Specialist (s)
- + Environmental Assessment Practitioner
- + Auditors

