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Biography:

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John graduated from UCT with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1971 and then joined Robert Leslie and Partners where he was involved in all aspects of the design and implementation of a range of civil engineering infrastructure projects. John continued his studies on a part time basis at UCT and obtained both a Graduate Diploma in Engineering in 1982 and MBA in 1984.

He joined BP in 1979 where he held the position of Regional Engineering Manager controlling maintenance, refurbishment and capital projects for all oil installations in the Southern Region. He was promoted to Distribution Manager Northern Region, responsible for the management of all inland depots. In 1986 John was appointed Business Manager of BP Solar responsible for product development, marketing and installations of Photovoltaic systems in Southern Africa

John was transferred to the re-imaging team in 1991 where he was project manager for the re-imaging programme in South Africa. The project team re-imaged 750 BP retail sites in a fifteen month construction period to world accepted standards of quality on time and within budget. On completion of the re-imaging project, John was the Facilities Manager for Transient Sites responsible for the infrastructure development of the transient network in South Africa. He left BP in 1993 and spent two years contracting as General Manager for Brilliant Signs and later running Flick Pest Control.

He joined Turner and Townsend in 1995 and has been involved in a variety of management consulting commissions including infrastructure development, PPPs and Facilities Management outsourcing projects. John is currently the Africa Director responsible for the Facilities Management and PPP Division of Turner & Townsend in the Africa Region and specialises in FM strategic advisory and PPP advisory for both the Private and Public Sectors. He has been or is currently involved on PPP projects in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Uganda and Australia and has been advisor on some of the largest FM outsourcing contracts in South Africa.