

## CV: LAUREN ELSTON

- SPECIALISATION** : Environmental Management: Environmental Impact Assessments, Water-Use License Applications, Air Emission License Applications, Waste License Applications, Screening and Feasibility Assessments, Environmental Management Plans and Environmental Control (Auditing & Site Inspections).
- NATIONALITY** : South African
- PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS** : Bachelor of Science (BSc) Honours, Environmental Management, UNISA, 2013 (*cum laude*)  
Bachelor of Science (BSc), Environmental & Geographical Science, Atmospheric Science & Climatology, UCT, 2005.
- DATE OF BIRTH** : 26<sup>th</sup> April 1983
- PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP** : Member of the South African Affiliate of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIAsa).
- COURSES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED** : Workshop on the 2014 EIA Regulations, DEA&DP, 2015  
IAIAsa National Conference, 2012  
IAIAsa National Conference, 2015  
IAIAsa National Conference, 2016  
Training on the One Environmental System, IAIAsa, 2015  
EIA & WULA Synchronisation: One Environmental System, DEA & DP, 2017  
Workshop on National Norms and Standards for the Remediation of Contaminated Land and Soil Quality, Golder Associates, 2015  
Workshop on Public Participation, IAIAsa, 2016  
Waste Classification, Assessment & Management, Golder Associates, 2015

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

From 15/02/2018 to date

### **Sillito Environmental Consulting (SEC)**

- *Head of the Environmental Impact Assessment & Management Department & Senior Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioner.*
- Daily office management functions include monitoring of staff workloads, review of workloads, training of staff, assigning new tasks, and maintaining client relations.
- Core responsibilities include project managing the Environmental Impact Assessment Process in terms of various environmental law requirements with the aim of receiving an environmental

authorisation, waste license, water use license, mining license and / or air emissions license depending on the type of project proposed or existing.

- Technical report writing of Basic Assessment Reports, Scoping Reports, Feasibility Reports, EIA Reports and Environmental Management Programmes.
- Annual Compliance Monitoring for existing operations.
- NAEIS reporting, GHG reporting and SAAELIP uploads for Air Emissions Licensing and variations to existing licenses.
- Liaising with multi-disciplinary specialist teams and external consultants (sub-contractors, specialists etc.) and service providers, to ensure that project outputs are delivered on time, and according to project requirements.
- Coordinating and facilitating public participation processes (identifying and contacting Interested & Affected Parties, facilitating stakeholder workshops, open days & information sessions, media communication etc.)

**From 01/02/12 to 15/02/2018**

**Sharples Environmental Services cc**

- *Manager of the SES Cape Town Branch and Principal Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioner.*
- Daily office management functions include monitoring of staff workloads, review of workloads, training of staff, assigning new tasks, and maintaining client relations.
- Managing the Environmental Impact Assessment process from inception, through to scoping, impact assessment, public participation, report compilation, final submission and the appeals process. This includes the waste license, mining license, prospecting permit and air quality license applications. Environmental Impact Assessments and their associated Environmental Management Plans / Programmes.
- On-site Environmental Control Officer (ECO) work & Auditing.
- Liaising with multi-disciplinary specialist teams and external consultants (sub-contractors, specialists etc.) and service providers, to ensure that project outputs are delivered on time, and according to project requirements.
- Coordinating and facilitating public participation processes (identifying and contacting Interested & Affected Parties, facilitating stakeholder workshops, open days & information sessions, media communication etc.)

**From 01/02/10 to 01/02/2011**

**Kantey & Templer Consulting Engineers**

- *Environmental Assessment Practitioner.*
- Site monitoring, groundwater sampling and soil sampling
- Contamination Assessment Reporting
- Managing the Environmental Impact Assessment process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) from inception, through to scoping, impact assessment, public participation, report compilation, final submission and the appeals process, specifically for petrol filling stations.
- Writing, compiling and reviewing Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports, Environmental Management Plans and related documentation.
- Liaising with multi-disciplinary specialist teams and external consultants (sub-contractors, specialists etc.) and service

providers, to ensure that project outputs are delivered on time, and according to project requirements.

- Coordinating and facilitating public participation processes (identifying and contacting Interested & Affected Parties, facilitating stakeholder workshops, open days & information sessions, media communication etc.)

**From 15/01/09 to 10/02/2010**

**Department of Climate Change & Energy – United Kingdom**

- *Junior Climate Science Advisor to the Minister of Climate Change and Energy.*
- Compilation of Ministerial briefing packs based on extensive climate change research leading up to the signing of the Copenhagen Agreement / Accord.
- Extensive research on climate change and the impacts of climate change in the UK and globally in order to advise the Minister.
- Lead Team Member for the hosting of the national launch event of the United Kingdom Climate Projections.
- Key member of the marketing team who designed the “climate change awareness” posters erected in London and surrounds.

**From 10/01/08 to 01/02/2009**

**Resource Management Services (RMS)**

- *Environmental Assessment Practitioner.*
- Project Managing the Environmental Impact Assessment process from inception, through to scoping, impact assessment, public participation, report compilation, final submission and the appeals process.
- Writing, compiling and reviewing Scoping Report, Basic Assessment Reports, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports, Environmental Management Plans and related documentation.
- Auditing of numerous landfill sites in the City of Cape Town and mining operations.
- Undertaking desktop research to source and collate data and information required for a project.
- Public Participation co-ordination and facilitation.
- Liaising with multi-disciplinary specialist teams and external consultants.

**From 07/01/07 to 01/01/2008**

**Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA & DP)**

- *Environmental Officer.*
- Extensive review and analysis of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) applications and reports (e.g. Checklists, Plans of Study, Scoping Reports, EIA reports and Environmental Management Plans) submitted in terms of the Environment Conservation Act (ECA) and other applicable legislations (NEMA) in order to ascertain if the EIA process was conducted lawfully and if the required information was submitted to the Department in terms of the regulated reporting requirements
- Compilation of Letter requesting further information (if required) and Records of Decisions / Environmental Authorisations
- Gap Analysis to identifying if consultants had included all required information in terms of the legislation requirements.
- Assisted with compliance monitoring and law enforcement.