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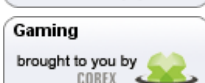
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## TECHNOLOGY AREAS



## Huge gears up for the future

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The Huge Group has announced a number of key appointments to the executive management of its flagship subsidiary, Huge Telecom. Rajen Pillay will take over the reins as MD of Huge Telecom, succeeding current MD, Anton Potgieter who remains executive CEO of the Huge Group.

According to Potgieter, the move is underpinned by the group's phenomenal planned growth after their listing in August last year, and the need for him to now devote more time to strategic issues at the group level.

"After listing, it was critical for me to drive the merger of the TelePassport and Centracell businesses into Huge Telecom hands-on. However this process is now completed, and the group's requirement at this point is for me to drive our growth plans at a macro level, as well as to ensure succession in the business units.

"Rajen's invaluable experience in the industry means that he is exceptionally well placed to take over the day to day operational control of Huge Telecom, and we are fortunate to have effectively had him on board already for a few months," he says.

Pillay joined the Huge Group in March this year.

In an industry marred by a shortage of skills, he believes that Pillay will make an enormous difference in their operations.

Pillay started his career in the PABX division of Siltek, moving on to become technical manager. He later joined Orion as a Product Development Manager, then became National Service Manager, and was appointed as Operations Director in 2007, before moving to the Huge Group.

With 20 years experience in the telecommunications industry, Pillay was recently quoted as saying that he is ready for a new challenge in his career. "I believe that Huge Group is poised for significant growth and this is just the challenge that I need."

Pillay believes the company's strategy to be perfectly aligned to the unique South African telecommunications landscape.

Other announcements include the appointment of four regional directors to the Huge Telecom board. These are: Eugene Volschenk (Gauteng region), Philip Stier (Cape region), Geovanna Sutherland (KZN region) and Justin Hammett (Eastern Cape region).

Volschenk and Sutherland are veterans of the Huge Telecom management team, where Volschenk initiated and drives the company's ISO 9001:2000 certification. Stier recently returned to the Cape operation after successfully founding and running TelePassport Namibia as managing director for three years. Hammett joined the Huge Telecom executive team last year from Vodacom.

Says Potgieter: "As Huge Telecom grows from strength to strength, it is imperative to us that our regional offices can independently provide for their customers, have the flexibility to adapt to regional conditions and move quickly to take advantage of new opportunities in these markets. Our four regional directors have 'earned their stripes' hands-on in Huge Telecom, and we could not wish for better team players in charge of our regions."

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