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Kim Schoepflin

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Full Name: Kim Alatna Schoepflin

Position: MD of Joest Kwatani

Main Activity of the Company: Joest Kwatani, previously Joest, is a leading original-equipment manufacturer that designs, manufactures and markets custom-designed vibratory equipment solutions in South Africa

Date and Place of Birth: March 18, 1973, Johannesburg

Education: Bachelor of European Business in International Business Management (Hons) (Cum Laude), with dual graduation in Germany and the UK; BCom (Hons), University of the Witwatersrand

First Job: McKinsey, September 1999

Career History Prior to Current Position: The first three-and-a-half years of my career were spent in corporate finance and strategy consulting at McKinsey & Company and in the mergers and acquisitions execution team at Deutsche Bank, in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. In 2002, I was appointed senior manager: corporate development at speciality chemicals manufacturing company Cognis, and was later promoted to European marketing manager for the nutrition and health division. In 2009, I returned back home to South Africa, with my German family, to join Joest as FD

Size of First Pay Packet: I cannot remember

First Job with Present Group: FD

Value of Assets under Your Control: R130-million

Number of People under Your Leadership: About 130

Management Style: It varies according to the situation, but is mostly authoritative and consultative

Personal Best Achievement: Three healthy children

Professional Best Achievement: I feel that my professional best achievement still lies ahead

Person Who Has Had the Biggest Influence on Your Life: My father – he taught me to think big and never to compromise my values

Person Who Has Had the Biggest Influence on Your Career: My family

Person You Would Most Like to Meet: None

Businessperson Who Has Impressed You Most: Richard Branson

Philosophy of Life: Now more than ever

Biggest Ever Opportunity: Moving back home to South Africa

Biggest Ever Disappointment: I tend to have great expectations, so I have learnt to deal with disappointments

Hope for the Future: That the world gets back to the basics and that we adopt an honest, fair, ethical and transparent approach in everything we do

Favourite Reading: Mystery fiction

Favourite TV Programme: I have no time for television

Favourite Food/Drink: Local and sustainable South African fresh grilled meat and fish/Sauvignon Blanc

Favourite Music: Rock music

Favourite Sport: Tennis

Favourite Website: Google

Hobbies: My children

Car: Mercedes-Benz Viano

Pets: Two Fila Brasileiros (Brazilian bull mastiffs)

Miscellaneous Dislikes: Complacency and sweet wine

Favourite Other South African Company: Woolworths, for making my life easier by making last-minute healthy instant family meals possible

Favourite Foreign Company: Apple

Married: To Jan, since September 24, 2005

Children: Aurelie, 10; Arnaud, 7; Amelie, 2

Clubs: None

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