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Professional Regional and Urban Planner

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Registered Professional Regional and Urban Planner with experience in municipal planning/community development and environmental planning regulations, resources and modern practices and principles of city/urban planning in Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa. Proven track record in spearheading the preparation and submission of 300+ land use applications. Adept at orchestrating collaborative efforts with specialized consultants and representing the company in pivotal meetings, fortifying relationships. Expertise in comprehensive urban planning, successful project execution, and a 100% success rate in appeals.

Core Competences and Skills

- Stakeholder Management
- Property/Facilities Maintenance
- Risk mitigation
- Site acquisition and survey
- Market Analysis
- Financial Management
- Strategic Planning
- Project management
- Regulatory Compliance

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Urban Devco cc

02/2019 – 01/2024

Practice Manager and Professional Planner

- Elevated from assistant town planner to senior town planner and subsequently to practice manager within an impressive 2-year timeframe.
- Spearheaded the preparation and submission of several land use applications and planning permission inquiries.
- Orchestrated collaborative efforts with specialized consultants such as engineers, architects, and land surveyors, fostering a synergistic working environment.
- Proactively represented the company in crucial meetings with clients and project team members, fortifying relationships and contributing to overall company success.

Ritta Khiba Planning Consultants

06/2015 – 12/2017

Senior Town Planner

- Crafted and submitted over 85 land use applications with precision and timeliness within a dynamic 2-year timeframe.
- Formulated township layouts encompassing over 20,000 residential stands, showcasing a keen eye for comprehensive urban planning.
- Acted as the company's representative in pivotal meetings with clients and project team members, ensuring effective communication and collaboration.
- Demonstrated effective leadership by managing junior staff, fostering a high-performing team, overseeing application processes, and leading weekly feedback meetings to address project challenges.
- Executed thorough feasibility studies and meticulously prepared due diligence reports, contributing valuable insights to informed decision-making processes.
- Achieved a commendable 100% success rate in appeals, attesting to a robust and effective approach to addressing challenges and securing favorable outcomes.

Homelux Real Estate

10/2014 – 05/2015

Graduate Trainee: Property Development

- Executed over 20 property valuations and inspections, providing comprehensive insights into market values.
- Facilitated the successful sale of more than 10 properties, showcasing a proven track record in real estate transactions.
- Negotiated and finalized 30 lease agreements with pre-approved tenants, ensuring seamless and secure rental arrangements.
- Compiled detailed monthly property reports, offering valuable information and analysis for informed decision-making.
- Skillfully prepared and submitted land development applications, navigating regulatory processes with precision and efficiency.

Junior Town Planner

- Designed the Umvovo Phase 4 layout, featuring over 3000 residential stands, demonstrating expertise in comprehensive urban planning.
- Efficiently processed over 25 land development applications in collaboration with the Chief Town Planner, ensuring adherence to regulatory requirements.
- Prepared and presented compelling town planning reports and motivations for Umvovo Phase 4, securing approvals from the Department of Physical Planning.
- Actively engaged with the Department of Physical Planning and Local Government, facilitating Ministerial approvals and maintaining a smooth regulatory process.
- Participated in consultative meetings with residents, land developers, and various Council departments, providing valuable Town Planning advice and fostering collaborative decision-making.
- Played a key role in Forward Planning and Development Control, contributing to the strategic vision and effective management of future development initiatives.

EDUCATION

- Masters of Urban Studies in the field of Urban Management, University of Witwatersrand, 2020.
- Bachelor Science Honors in Rural and Urban Planning, University of Zimbabwe, 2013.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- National Certificate: Real Estate Level 5, Services Sector Education and Training Authority, 2023
- Further Education and Training Certificate: Real Estate Level 4, Services Sector Education and Training Authority, 2022.
- Introduction to Design Computing, University of Cape Town, 2018.
- Introduction to Spatial Design, University of Cape Town, 2018.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

- Professional Planner, The South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN).

REFERENCES

- Available on Request