



COMPANY HISTORY

After 34 years of experience in Railways around the world, Rowlen von Gericke established Global Railway Engineering in 1996 in Kempton Park, South Africa. Bringing together experts in the major disciplines of railway engineering, civil engineering, construction and manufacturing, the company quickly developed a reputation as a global leader in railway innovation.

This entrepreneurial spirit and passion for identifying opportunities, nurturing ideas and developing innovative solutions led to the formation of the Global Group of Companies. With rolling stock at the core of the business, the Global Group consists of a collection of like-minded companies and individuals that collectively provide sustainable and beneficial solutions to clients around the globe. Today, Traction Motors and Self-Steering Bogies are flagship railway products within the group.

Identifying the need for a well-established manufacturing facility, **Global Worx** was created and now operates from a 7500m² premises in Vanderbijlpark, South Africa. Initially the company focused on manufacturing and refurbishing railway wagons for the local industry but now manufactures a wide range of heavy equipment such as Super-sucker tankers, Excavation and Drag-line Buckets, Earth Moving buckets and Load Bins.

Global Civil Solutions was started shortly thereafter to meet the growing demand for infrastructure development across Southern Africa and in 2006 the company increased its focus on the construction of roads and rail infrastructure utilising innovative, state-of-the-art natural soil stabilising techniques as its key differentiator.

Having a need to support the communities where Global has a presence (especially in Africa) and after witnessing first-hand the debilitating and devastating effects of burns in these communities, **Global Natural Products** (GNP) was formed in early 2008. Global Natural Products focuses on educating carers, nurses and doctors in rural areas and has introduced exciting new South African technology to safely, cost-effectively and painlessly treat burns and other wounds.

In 2009, while designing a turnkey railway project, Global identified a need in the southern African market for good value for money mobile cranes and construction machinery to support the envisaged infrastructure developments (specifically railways). At this point XCMG, the largest construction equipment and mobile crane manufacturer in China (3rd largest in the world) appointed Global as the sole importer and distributor of XCMG products in Southern Africa. **XCMG Africa** was formed within the Global structure to fulfil this role, offering a wide range of Construction equipment from XCMG as well as parts and full after sales service serving the needs for construction equipment all over southern Africa.



From the start, Global's property is used as a key factor to bridge and to underpin finance for its projects. Never losing the eye for opportunities and with a need to manage a growing number of strategic industrial, commercial, residential and agricultural properties, **Global Places** was born. To satisfy the need for appropriate accommodation and R&R for employees as well as the growing number of foreign dignitaries visiting the Global , several strategic properties, game farms and lodges (including Thula Meetse, the Group's own 4 star guest-lodge) was added to the Global Places portfolio.

African Boran Elite manages many of the agricultural and wildlife assets of the Group, ensuring that they remain viable and sustainable for the Group.

Of late and in order to support the huge demand for transporting bulk freight for export by rail and sea, **Global Bulk Logistix (GBL)** was established . GBL focuses on designing and executing Rail- & Port Logistic solutions for southern Africa as a key differentiating factor but has the capability to also include the so-called full 4PL process namely air, road, rail and sea . Through inherent capabilities of the group, GBL is able to structure logistic transactions where customers can lease rolling stock on a comprehensive-, or standalone basis. These logistic solutions have traditionally been expensive and virtually unaffordable for junior and beginner mines. GBL therefore stepped in as Commodity Trader, taking ownership of the producer's commodity and this way successfully underpinning logistic solutions which in return enable smaller, beginner and junior mines to export their goods.

Today, Global is growing exponentially, developing relationships, alliances and partnerships with like-minded and exceptional companies wherever they are found including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, India, Serbia and Ukraine. Despite this, Global remains a close-knit group of companies where emphasis remains on family, sustainability, hard-work, uncompromising ethics and an entrepreneurial spirit.