



Mostyn Park Randburg – Renico's flagship warehouse to Tiger Brand's specification



Parkwood Manor – this upmarket development, situated in the north of Johannesburg, comprises 102 sectional title luxury apartments

Gauteng's best kept success secret

South African Builder interviews Deon Grimbeek, project manager of Renico Construction.

With a salaried staff of only 38, 14 of whom are site managers, this small multifaceted company has huge scope and capability. Based in Johannesburg, Renico was established in 1998 by Nico Louw to operate primarily in the affordable housing sector, specialising in the development and construction of two bedroom-two bathroom apartments and houses, renowned for their signature face-brick construction and high quality of workmanship throughout.

The buzz and pervasive excitement at Renico's head office is tangible. The parking area is awash with staff and visitors' sedan cars, 4x4s and a huge array of construction vehicles of all types. Upon arrival at reception one is welcomed immediately and made to feel at home. "The culture within Renico is very much people orientated," explains Grimbeek. "Our top management at all times works shoulder to shoulder with us, and our sub-contractors and suppliers – with whom we nurture long-term relationships – are considered 'part of the team'."

Since its establishment, Renico has steadily progressed into other construction arenas, which today encompass affordable housing – mainly high density residential and mid-tier residential; student accommodation; office parks



Renico's founder and MD, Nico Louw with Deon Grimbeek, Renico's project manager

and commercial buildings; warehousing and industrial developments; retail and mixed use centres; as well as social projects.

Over the years, the company has grown from strength to strength, having successfully completed over 150 projects to date, ranging from single residential units to large industrial and commercial complexes. Currently between 18 and 24 construction projects are in progress at any point in time.

Renico is a leading and active member of NHBC.

By the end of 2014 Renico Construction's turnover had grown to a figure in excess of R700 million. The Renico Group today comprises a range of companies in the fields of construction, plant hire, property investment, quarrying and crushing, civils and earthworks and affords employment to more than 380 people.

On projects

On the student-accommodation front, large projects such as the Monash University in Ruimsig Roodepoort and Vanderbijlpark student accommodation were completed in record time. The Monash University accommodation comprises two wings with 42 two bed units in each, accommodating a total of 84 students; whereas the Vanderbijlpark student accommodation, which was completed in five months, comprises 166 units, each of which houses six students, totalling 996 students.

A notable affordable housing project recently completed is the 194 unit Manor Park in Randpark Ridge, comprising 81 apartments and 113 houses. "On projects such as these we deploy a centralised hot water delivery system using heat pumps and insulated piping," said Grimbeek. "In addition all units are equipped with advanced electricity and metering systems operating on the pre-paid concept."

Renico's warehouse developments, such as the flagship 22 500 m² Mostyn Park in Randburg, are fully owned by Renico and rented out to blue chip clients – in this instance Tiger Brands.



Renico Planthire, a force to be reckoned with in the construction industry

The company is for the first time expanding its geographic footprint. Having operated all these years primarily in the West Rand, Renico is presently busy with major projects in Springs on the East Rand and this month commences a series of projects in Potchefstroom and Vanderbijlpark. These sites will be managed by local staff, with Renico project and site managers overseeing construction on a weekly basis.

The company takes great pride in the active role played in the construction of social projects and completes at least one – from the ground up – each year. Operating at cost and encouraging subcontractors to participate in the same way, much construction material is donated by project participants. One such project, completed in 2014, is the Gateway Society Home for the Aged, which comprises supervised accommodation for 24 disabled people. ■

Projects completed by Renico Construction in 2014

Industrial Buildings

- 5 Mostyn Park, 75 00 m². Tenant: BRM Brands (Pty) Ltd
- 24 Mostyn Park, 10 400 m². Sold to Westpack
- 23 Mostyn Park, 22 500 m². Tenant: Tiger Brands (Pty) Ltd
- 610 Lanseria, 1 800 m². Spec. building
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- 608 Lanseria, 2 061 m² for Van Dyk Chemicals
- 659 Lanseria, 1 443 m². Tenant: Gulfstream Energy
- Erf 30 Kliprivier, 1 305 m². Tenant: PNR Transport
- Erf 39 Kliprivier, 2 170 m². Spec. building
- Voltsing, Weltevreden Park, 2 985 m². Tenant: Voltsing

Residential projects

- Forest Hill, 96 two bed/two bath units, Northwold
- Berrylands, 40 two bed/two bath units, Ferndale
- Angels View, 13 mid town houses, Little Falls
- Villa Nirvana, 38 mid town houses, Honeydew
- Westwold Manor, 20 upper market two bed/two bath units
- Parkview Manor, 84 upper market two bed/two bath as well as three bed/two bath units, Parkview
- Sharon Park, 124 affordable houses in Nigel
- 230 Blackheath, 12 two bed/two bath units and four two bed/one bath units in Blackheath for a private client
- Crest Ridge, six two bed/two bath units, Blackheath
- Stonebridge, 106 two bed/two bath units, Randpark Ridge
- Piccadilly, 45 two bed/two bath units, Randpark Ridge
- Monash University, 84 two bed student accommodation units, Monash University, Ruimsig, Roodepoort for a private client
- Vanderbijl Student Accommodation, 166 units accommodating 996 students.

Social projects

- Gateway home for the aged: 24 bed residential facility for the aged at The Gateway Society in Ruimsig

Commercial developments

- Lake View Office Park in Constantia Kloof 2 020 m².
- Amarosa Office Park in Ruimsig, Roodepoort. 1 185 m².
- Erf 214 Cosmo City, 2 458 m² retail building for Cambridge Food (Pty) Ltd



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