



Richard Vries

Gibb

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Full Name: Richard Vries
Position: Group CEO, Gibb
Main Activity of the Company: Consulting engineering
Date and Place of Birth: February 10, 1973, Ficksburg
Education: National diploma (civil engineering), BSc (civil engineering), national diploma (business management)
First Job: Gibb
Career History Prior to Current Position: Deputy CEO, Arcus Gibb
Size of First Pay Packet: R1 200 a month
First Job with Present Group: Technical assistant
Value of Assets under Your Control: Gibb is a knowledge-based business – our people are our greatest asset
Number of People under Your Leadership: 650
Management Style: Participative
Personal Best Achievement: Being the father of two lovely boys
Professional Best Achievement: Present position
Person Who Has Had the Biggest Influence on Your Life: My mathematics teacher – she convinced African Consulting Engineers to give me an opportunity to study engineering
Person Who Has Had the Biggest Influence on Your Career: Willem Joubert
Person You Would Most Like to Meet: Larry Page (founder of Google)
Businessperson Who Has Impressed You Most: Phuthuma Nhleko
Philosophy of Life: Failure is not an option
Biggest Ever Opportunity: Being the CEO of a company that is in a position to better the lives of South Africans and Africans
Biggest Ever Disappointment: None – life is too short to live with regrets
Hope for the Future: That, as a country, we respond swiftly and with resolve to the challenge of unemployment in South Africa
Favourite Reading: Business books, *Car* magazine
Favourite TV Programme: *Fringe*, *Carte Blanche*
Favourite Food/Drink: African cuisine/red wine
Favourite Music: Various genres
Favourite Sport: Soccer
Favourite Website: Google
Hobbies: Travel
Car: Mercedes-Benz
Pets: None
Miscellaneous Dislikes: Not accepting responsibility
Favourite Other South African Company: MTN
Favourite Foreign Company: Virgin
Married: Karen Henry has been my partner since 1997
Children: Alex, 5; Max, 18 months
Clubs: Play More Golf, Eagle Canyon



Larry Page