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IA strategy for Port Harcourt

Gibb is involved in the reinstatement of the city of Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

Nico Kriek, director: urban and rural planning, says the planning includes long-term urban development which spreads over a 30-year time frame.

Port Harcourt is situated in the Niger Delta where 2-million people inhabit the densely populated oil-rich city. Agriculture and oil primarily drive the economy. Port Harcourt has not had any planning for the past 35 years and has relied mostly on ad hoc growth. Understandably, the engineering services of this city and service delivery are poor.

"In 2007, Port Harcourt saw great political will and intervention," continues Kriek. "These winds of change marked the beginning of the transformation of Port Harcourt into a 21st century world-class city."

The first initiative was to improve engineering services which had to be done within an integrated planning process.

