

Pieter van Wyk

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Qualified diesel mechanic and artisan with 15 years' hands-on experience in heavy earthmoving equipment, mining machinery, and commercial transport fleets. Skilled in diagnostics, preventive maintenance, and workshop supervision across mining and logistics operations in Limpopo. SAMTRAC certified with a strong focus on safety and compliance. Seeking a workshop foreman or maintenance supervisor role.

KEY SKILLS

- Diesel Engine Diagnostics & Repair
- Fleet Maintenance Management
- Workshop Supervision (10+ staff)
- Caterpillar & Komatsu Equipment
- Fault Finding & Troubleshooting
- Heavy Earthmoving Equipment
- Hydraulic & Pneumatic Systems
- SAMTRAC Safety Management
- Preventive Maintenance Scheduling
- OHS Act Compliance

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Diesel Mechanic

Jul 2019 – Present

Palabora Mining Company, Phalaborwa, Limpopo

- Maintained and repaired a fleet of 35 heavy earthmoving machines including CAT 777 haul trucks, CAT 390 excavators, and Komatsu dozers
- Reduced unplanned equipment downtime by 28% through implementation of a structured preventive maintenance programme
- Supervised a team of 8 mechanics and 4 apprentices across day and night shifts
- Diagnosed and resolved complex hydraulic and electrical faults, saving an estimated R2.4 million in external repair costs over 3 years
- Achieved 100% compliance on all DMRE safety inspections for the workshop over 5 consecutive audits
- Trained 6 apprentices who successfully completed their trade tests

Diesel Mechanic

Mar 2015 – Jun 2019

Imperial Logistics (now FEMSA Logistics), Polokwane

- Serviced and repaired a mixed fleet of 60+ commercial vehicles including MAN TGS trucks, Iveco Trakkers, and trailer units
- Reduced fleet breakdown frequency by 22% through proactive fault identification during routine services
- Performed engine overhauls, gearbox rebuilds, and differential repairs, completing an average of 12 major jobs monthly
- Maintained detailed service records and parts usage logs, improving parts forecasting accuracy by 18%
- Ensured all vehicles met SABS and roadworthy standards ahead of scheduled inspections

Diesel Mechanic

Jan 2012 – Feb 2015

Limpopo Bus Lines, Polokwane

- Maintained a fleet of 40 passenger buses, ensuring 95% operational availability during peak periods
- Performed daily pre-trip inspections and addressed faults within 4-hour turnaround targets
- Rebuilt 15 diesel engines over 3 years, extending vehicle life by an average of 200,000 kilometres

Apprentice Diesel Mechanic

Jan 2008 – Dec 2011

Barloworld Equipment, Middelburg, Mpumalanga

- Completed 4-year apprenticeship on Caterpillar mining and construction equipment
- Gained experience in engine, transmission, hydraulic, and electrical systems
- Passed Red Seal trade test on first attempt with a distinction in diagnostics

EDUCATION

Trade Certificate: Diesel Mechanic (Red Seal) – NQF 4

2011

Barloworld Equipment / indlela Trade Test Centre, Olifantsfontein

N3 Certificate – Mechanical Engineering

2009

Nkangala TVET College, Middelburg

National Senior Certificate

2007

Pietersburg Hoerskool, Polokwane

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- SAMTRAC – Safety Management Training Course, NOSA, 2021
- Caterpillar SIS & ET Diagnostics Training, Barloworld, 2020
- Working at Heights Certificate, 2019
- First Aid Level 2, St John Ambulance, 2023
- Confined Spaces Entry Certificate, 2018

LANGUAGES

Afrikaans (Fluent)

English (Fluent)

Sepedi (Conversational)

Setswana (Basic)

REFERENCES

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