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### **CGF EXTENDS ITS GOVERNANCE SERVICES WITH NEW APPOINTMENT**

CGF Research Institute (Pty) Ltd is delighted to welcome Lucien Caron to the team as a Lead Contractor, where he will focus predominantly upon the company secretariat, regulatory and compliance areas. Lucien has the following qualifications: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws; Advanced Diploma in Company Law and is an admitted Attorney of the High Court of South Africa.

After being admitted to practice in the High Court of South Africa, Lucien specialised in commercial law and commercial litigation for a number of years.

After leaving legal practice, Lucien joined the commercial world and held the position of Group Company Secretary for both unlisted and listed companies. During the last 12 years, he has gained extensive experience in company secretarial and corporate governance matters. This includes support to the board of directors and committees, corporate governance and board advisory functions, board effectiveness evaluations, director training and orientation.

He has also gained extensive experience in the fields of regulatory compliance and affairs, legal drafting and opinions, risk management, annual reports, group insurance portfolios, cover limits and exclusions and renewal processes.

With Lucien's wealth of experience in both the legal and corporate environment, CGF has added to its unique client offering the knowledge and expertise to professionally meet client's business needs in its extended governance services. Moreover, Lucien's skills complement the CGF offering to provide its clients with a holistic approach to governance, risk and compliance (GRC).



Lucien Caron joins CGF to add a new dimension to its corporate governance services

The CGF competitive edge is now extended to include:

- all the benefits of an experienced and fully qualified "in-house counsel" that is independent and therefore objective in giving advice or opinions to CGF clients;
- CGF clients not having to bear the costs associated with the full time employment of a GRC specialist;
- tailoring CGF governance services to suit our client's unique requirements;
- CGF being involved in practical implementation and therefore knowing what works, at a practical level, rather than simply applying a theoretical approach;
- CGF providing its clients "hands-on" assistance with implementation; and
- delivering CGF clients a personalised service through experienced professionals.

In addition, through CGF's strategic partners and consultants, our capabilities also include the aggregation of local and international best of breed governance reporting services and extend to;

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strategic management consulting, business re-structuring, executive placements, executive coaching, board assessments and evaluation, facilitation of Corporate Governance Awareness workshops, IT governance through to Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) software. These services cater for large corporates, small and medium sized businesses and state owned organisations.

In the new governance, risk and compliance (GRC) framework; including the advent of King III, the new Companies Act, 2008 and a host of new consumer protection orientated legislation, the potential for reputational damage for not understanding the impact of this legislation and not implementing good corporate governance can be severe and even crippling. This is why CGF clients have a distinct and competitive advantage as they make use of our corporate governance reporting and extended services.

### ***About CGF Research Institute (Pty) Ltd***

CGF is a Proudly South African company that specialises in conducting desktop research on Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) related topics, amongst other related company secretariat, regulatory and compliance services.

The company has developed numerous products that cover GRC reports designed to create a high-level awareness and understanding of issues impacting a CEO through to all employees of the organisation.

To find out more about CGF, its patrons and their respective services, access [www.cgf.co.za](http://www.cgf.co.za) or [www.corporate-governance.co.za](http://www.corporate-governance.co.za)

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