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Top Skills

Projects
Business Strategy
Management Consulting

Languages

Afrikaans (Native or Bilingual)
English (Native or Bilingual)
Japanese (Elementary)

Craig Morkel

Chairperson - SAOGA Gas Economy Leadership Group at South African Oil and Gas Alliance (SAOGA)
City of Cape Town

Summary

I have experience as a public servant, public representative and, more recently, as a Regulatory and Business Development Advisor in various related sectors, including:

- * Energy, incl. renewable energy, conventional energy, energy efficiency, co-generation, biofuels and oil & gas;
- * Science and Technology, incl. research, development and innovation;
- * Mineral Resources;
- * Communication, incl. information & communications technology, broadcasting, media relations and public affairs;
- * Local Government, incl. inter-governmental relations & public finance, local economic development, community development & public-private partnerships;
- * Public Service & Administration;

Specialties: I apply public-private sector partnership subject matter knowledge and relationship management skills with project co-ordination processes to provide advisory services to clients who have to comply with various policy, legislative, regulatory and procurement requirements (i.e. project compliance) within the national, provincial and local spheres of governance impacting on their business activities, including energy, minerals, communication, science & technology and health-care, amongst others.

Experience

South African Oil and Gas Alliance (SAOGA)
Chairperson - SAOGA Gas Economy Leadership Group
July 2021 - Present (1 year)
Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa

The SA Oil & Gas Alliance (SAOGA) is the not-for-profit company acting as the industry body for the upstream, midstream and downstream parts of the oil & gas value-chain in South Africa, serving as the leading voice on

market development, regulatory & legal, technical, financial and economic development issues of its 200 member companies and 5000 stakeholders.

The SAOGA Gas Economy Leadership Group primarily covers the midstream to downstream activities of the gas value-chain, including natural gas and hydrogen which are included in the definition of Gas in South Africa's Gas Act.

iKapa Energy (Pty) Ltd

7 years 10 months

Acting CEO

January 2018 - Present (4 years 6 months)

Cape Town, South Africa

iKapa Energy is a project development company, focusing on a portfolio of projects to:

1. Source, transport, store and regasify Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) / Gas for various Off-Takers to substitute far more carbon-intensive primary energy resources such as Coal, Heavy Fuel Oil, Diesel and Petrol; and
2. Utilise Regasified LNG as a cleaner primary energy resource for Gas To Power; Industrial; Commercial; Residential; Transport (i. e. as Road, Rail & Maritime fuel); and Liquids (i.e. as feedstock for refining into petroleum & chemical products).

We have formed project teams with the world-renowned subject matter experts along the value-chain who have had significant success in developing and implementing Gas Supply and Independent Power Producer (IPP) projects of significant complexity and scale already.

To date we have already identified and selected Project Sites with appropriate environmental attributes that are ideal to receive & utilise LNG / Gas and to transmit or distribute energy to the identified buyers; prepared technical and financial plans, incl. financial models for each investible entity across the full value-chain.

We have already secured the preliminary interest of various potential suppliers; project development financiers and strategic partners to partner with us, subject to achieving certain conditions precedent, within the various special purpose vehicles (SPVs) for each part of our gas value-chain.

As Local Project Developer and BEE Partner, iKapa Energy will retain an interest in each SPV when these projects achieve Financial Close.

We are ready to make our contribution to deal with the present energy crisis in Southern Africa and await certain Government approvals and processes to be finalised before taking our next steps.

Gas is the new Green!

More information at www.ikapa-energy.co.za or please feel free to contact me directly at:

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Projects Director

September 2014 - January 2018 (3 years 5 months)

Cape Town, South Africa

Market Demand Trading 293 (Pty) Ltd

Business Development

September 2011 - Present (10 years 10 months)

I have forged various associations with Export Management Companies and Investment Placement Agencies in the US, UK, Germany and Japan, besides Southern Africa, including South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique and Mauritius.

My associates include various finance arrangers who are certified by various Development Finance Institutions (DFI) such as the World Bank, IMF, AfDB, KfW (Germany), OPIC & EXIM (USA), besides having partnerships and associations with various private equity funds.

Many of my associates and I also enjoy business development mandates from suppliers of various services and products from both the developed and the developing economies.

The finance, services and product offerings span the energy, ICT, healthcare, mining and property sectors, amongst others.

These relationships are formalised through various agreements entered into between these associates and Market Demand Trading 293 (Pty) Ltd (established in 2006) or in my personal capacity.

Craig Morkel & Associates

Independent Regulatory & Public Affairs Advisor

May 2009 - Present (13 years 2 months)

I have advised on various projects that promote international trade and development in the Energy, Healthcare, Information & Communications Technology and Property Development sectors.

In 2008 my first client was a Middle-Eastern IPP specializing in diesel power plant. In 2009 my focus shifted to Renewable Energy.

I have advised various stakeholders on the requirements of SA policy, legislation, regulations, budgets and procurement programmes, including the following types of clients:

1. Independent Power Producers (IPPs) - advising on the peculiarities of the SA market, e.g. Feed-In Tariff vs Competitive Bidding procurement processes, RFIs and RFPs, incl. socio-economic transformation.
2. Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) contractors - facilitating joint ventures between foreign & local EPC partners and complying with technical, legal, financial and economic development requirements of projects, incl. sustainable job creation, local content, corporate social investment, grid code, eligible & proven technologies, CIDB & ESCO registration, etc.
3. Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) of proprietary technologies (e.g. solar PV, wind turbines, inverters, metering, monitoring & verification, etc.) for application in ground-mounted and rooftop (incl. retrofits & new build) projects whilst complying with procurement requirements.
4. Project Developers seeking equity and debt partners, incl. local, black economic empowerment and community trust partners to form part of Project Companies or Special Purpose Vehicles.
5. Project Developers securing property rights from property owners, incl. agricultural, municipal, commercial & industrial properties.
6. Project Developers applying for the various regulatory consents and approvals - working alongside specialist legal, environmental, town planning and engineering practitioners.

I also advise on opportunities in Biofuels, Oil & Gas, Clean Coal energy, besides Mineral Resources, Healthcare & ICT sectors.

South African Dance Foundation (NPC)

Director

April 2018 - August 2021 (3 years 5 months)

South Africa

The SA Dance Foundation, including its predecessor entities, is the leading organisation for dance and dancesport in South Africa since the 1930s.

I was elected to serve on its board to deal with Governance and Regulatory matters in 2020, after being co-opted in its previous 3-year term.

Parliament - South Africa

Member of Parliament

June 1999 - April 2009 (9 years 11 months)

I served as an MP of the ANC, elected to my 2nd 5-year term of office in the National Assembly of the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa. I last served as a member of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committees (PPC) on:

- * Science & Technology and
- * Public Service & Administration.

PPCs I had served on, amongst others, include:

- * Minerals and Energy (Oil, Gas, Mining & Electricity); and
- * Communications (ICT, Broadcasting & Post Office);

I was 1 of 7 MPs selected to represent South Africa at the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Parliamentary Forum in 2007 and attended the 2nd IBSA Summit Working Group on Energy.

The Parliamentary Monitoring Group (www.pmg.org.za) and Hansard record my contributions to debates and monitoring & oversight. I have developed extensive knowledge, experience and relationships with government officials, business and non-governmental organizations within each of the above portfolios during my 2 terms of office - building on my previous 8 years of extra-parliamentary political appointments and voluntary positions to which I had been elected by my peers.

Corporate Image Africa (Pty) Ltd

Public Affairs and Communications Officer

March 1997 - June 1999 (2 years 4 months)

I was initially employed to work on the campaign to keep Parliament in Cape Town - the Citizens' Alliance for Parliament (CAP), in particular to communicate with key executive decision-makers in local government, but then also worked on government relations and public affairs aspects of corporate communications projects for various clients including Engen, Energy Africa, Open Africa, Wesgro, Cape Town Tourism, Irving & Johnson, etcetera. My most memorable project was the alignment of Engen-sponsored Open Africa's Afrikatourism venture with the preservation of "Eve's Footprint" - the

oldest fossil evidence of anatomically modern human beings - and the African Renaissance conference in 1998 spearheaded by then Deputy President Thabo Mbeki. Although Engen had just been bought by Petronas (Malaysia), it could proudly still affirm its Africaness with this positioning. My core tasks included:

- * Issues and Media Monitoring,
- * Re-active Interventions and
- * Pro-active Campaigns.

Provincial Youth Task Group - Western Cape Government

Executive Secretary

March 1996 - June 1997 (1 year 4 months)

I was contracted as Executive Secretary to the Task Group that conducted research and consultation on a youth development policy and strategy for the Western Cape and its positioning within the national, provincial and local spheres of governance. I provided administrative and logistical support, besides conducting research on a number of youth development policy areas in consultation with government and non-government organisations within all spheres of governance by leveraging relationships developed since the constitution negotiations process in 1991. This position gave me the opportunity to interact further with and build on relationships with various key decision-makers and stakeholders within all three spheres of Government and amongst non-government and community-based organisations. It gave me an opportunity to develop my qualifications, knowledge or experience in process management and administration, amongst others, within a multi-disciplinary environment.

Reconstruction & Development Fora

Community Leadership

1991 - 1996 (5 years)

Cape Town

I have served in various elected executive roles within a number of reconstruction and development fora between 1991 and 1996, including:

1. Western Cape Youth Forum - Commissioner for Youth Empowerment - 1992-1994

2. Southern Reconstruction & Development Community Forum: Co-Chairperson - 1995-1997

3. South Peninsula Municipal Development Council: 1995-1997

4. Western Cape Peace Committee (National Peace Accord): 1992-1994

5. Hout Bay Local Dispute Resolution Committee - 1994-1995

Strategic Management Team - Western Cape Ministry of Local Government

Executive Secretary

July 1994 - September 1995 (1 year 3 months)

I was contracted as executive secretary to the Strategic Management Team to oversee and monitor the negotiations on the transformation of each local area from segregated to non-racial and integrated local government entities throughout the Western Cape. This position gave me the opportunity to develop and leverage my qualifications, knowledge, experience or relationships in local community governance, development, negotiations and conflict resolution, besides management reporting and information skills for geographically dispersed activities.

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Administrative Support Officer

November 1991 - January 1992 (3 months)

I worked as a runner at the first formal multi-party negotiations forum. I was exposed to the processes and latest developments that led to the drafting of the 1993 Constitution that laid the basis for the first democratic elections in 1994.

Department of Justice - Wynberg Magistrates Court

Administrative Assistant - Clerk of the Criminal Court

January 1991 - December 1991 (1 year)

Wynberg, Cape Town, South Africa

My duties included the administration of court books and charge sheets, including filing of papers, liaison with magistrates, prosecutors, investigation officers and witnesses, besides handling enquiries from members of the public and the occasional transport of juveniles to the relevant correctional facilities.

Education

Minerals and Energy Education and Training Institute (MEETI)

Short Course, Mineral Resources and Energy (incl. Oil, Gas and Electricity) · (2004 - 2004)

Conferences, Seminars, Lectures

Continuing Professional Development, Energy · (1991 - 2014)

Mining Qualifications Authority (MQA)

Certificate, Mining economics, geology and engineering · (2006 - 2006)

Westminster Foundation (London, UK)

Short Course, Political Media and Communications · (2002 - 2002)

University of Cape Town

Short Course, AFReC - Applied Fiscal Research Centre (AFReC) · (2001 - 2001)