



In partnership with Payless Pharmacy, oil and gas company Engen earlier this month launched its first pharmacy in Kenya at its highly successful Hurlingham branch, in Nairobi. The pharmacy, which sells over-the-counter and prescription medication, is yet another source of convenience for Engen consumers. The project was a joint effort between the Engen head office in South Africa and Engen Kenya, and it took months of negotiations and legislative legwork before it was ready to break ground



With support from multidisciplinary professional services firm Arup and solar farm developers in the Northern Cape, Arup renewable energy consulting engineer Kausar Khan took it upon herself to educate schoolchildren in the province about solar farms, showing them how solar panels work and teaching the students about career prospects in the renewable-energy industry. Since Khan joined Arup after graduating from university in 2013, she has managed to raise over R300 000 in Arup Invest Funds for community engagement projects. Pictured are Khan (left) and some of the learners



Recognised for her work in refugee law, law firm Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr's Pro Bono and Human Rights practice director, Jacquie Cassette was recently honoured at the Annual 2017 ProBono.Org Awards, which this year sought to celebrate the various local law firms and pro bono lawyers who went "beyond the call of duty" in 2016. Refugees are sometimes unlawfully denied formal refugee status and asylum papers at the Refugee Reception Office (RRO) on entering South Africa and Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr helps its pro bono customers appeal these RRO decisions



Transnet National Ports Authority COO Phyllis Difeto (sixth from left) recently led a delegation, including Thailand ambassador Dr Pornchai Danvithana (sixth from right), to the port of Port Elizabeth to establish how trade could be accelerated between Thailand and South Africa, while simultaneously affording the Thai delegation insight into the port's daily operations. South Africa's main exports to Thailand include stainless steel, aluminium, flat-rolled iron and steel, pulp and paper, chemicals, fresh fruit and ferroalloys. Thailand's main export products to South Africa include motor car parts and accessories, parboiled rice, computers, motor cars, canned fish, washing machines and refrigerators

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Andy Brauer

Information and communication technology professional **Andy Brauer** is the new chief technology officer of investment company Encha – an appointment in line with the company's strategy to attract partners who are subject-matter domain experts with relevant industry-specific experience and capabilities.

According to Encha founder and executive chairperson **Tiego Moseneke**, Brauer, who previously served as chief technology officer for Huawei Africa and Business Connexion, brings with him a wealth of experience in the digital engineering technology space, spread over an array of sectors, from banking to sustainable energy.

"He is joining Encha's team with the objective of contributing his specialised knowledge of technology to complement Encha's competences in order to accelerate our mission of growing globally competitive African enterprises," says Moseneke.

Brauer feels he has a lot in common with Encha, including the company's principles, ethics and values. "I have known [the owners] for a long time. They have a great ethos and professional principles, which is something that is often missing in the world today," says Brauer, who also shares Encha's belief in technology-underpinned solutions that are capable of including those who are otherwise excluded from participating meaningfully in the economy.

"The Internet has evolved over the years to become a meshed ecosystem looking just like the galaxy, with no single point of failure. Energy is similarly moving in this direction. You need energy to pump water, water to grow food and food to

improve and sustain the physical wellbeing of people.

"A central point of failure in this chain can lead to social upheaval that can result in turmoil in a country. Our thinking is to develop meshed ecosystems of solutions that competently address societal challenges while also avoiding single points of failure," says Brauer says.

Encha senior executive **Gontse Moseneke** adds that, through the company's intimate involvement in the technology space in recent years, Encha has been identifying numerous areas where disruptive technological innovation can be applied positively to grow enterprises and contribute towards improving the quality of life.

"We believe in entrepreneurial partnerships. As a result, we allocate and employ a portion of our modest capital base to seed ventures in which we partner with subject-matter domain experts to pursue value opportunities that are uniquely available to us. "Ultimately, we strive to nurture and commoditise these ventures into investment-grade enterprises that are able to attract the backing of much larger pools of capital from blue-chip investors in the capital markets. With Andy now on board as a committed member of our team, we aim to broaden and deepen the universe of our impactful activities," concludes Moseneke.

Encha is a strategy-led and research-driven investment house with interests in the property, energy and technology sectors. Its mission is to be a consistently successful investment house, creating wealth that will grow steadily over many generations and contribute significantly to the economic development of South Africa and of society across the African continent, while ensuring that its shareholders, management teams, co-investors and other stakeholders share equitably in its growth and success.