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CGF Research Institute (Pty) Limited

CGF is a private company that specialises in conducting desk-top research on Corporate Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) related matters. CGF has developed a web-based Corporate Governance Framework Body of Knowledge comprising feature reports that cover many aspects spanning a broad range of governance issues which we make available to organisations on a subscription basis. Within the Body of Knowledge (BoK), the company has developed additional governance subsection products to assist large and smaller companies within this arena, providing the Director's Fast Track Manuals, Policy Template Handbooks, governance monthly reports, various published articles, monthly newsletters and monthly legislative updates.

Through CGF's strategic partners and associates, the company's capabilities extend to management consulting, board evaluation, company secretariat services, executive learning and facilitation of Corporate Governance awareness workshops, which caters for large corporates to small and medium sized businesses.

CGF's research is designed in such a manner to create a high-level awareness and understanding of issues impacting a CEO through to all employees of the organisation and is presented in a simple, practical manner, offering guidelines and thought provoking insights that provide the opportunity for all levels of employees to familiarize themselves with matters they ordinarily wouldn't become involved in.

The governance reports cover numerous facets such as; King I, II, III, PFMA, MMFA, BEE, Diversity Management, Records Management, Party Political Funding, PPPs, Millennium Development Goals, Risk, Risk Management, IT Governance and Succession Planning, including a variety of local and international commissions, laws, reports and articles that highlight many interesting areas as they pertain to running a healthy business.

CGF's reports further deal with issues ranging from the role and responsibilities of directors, company secretaries and auditors, social and economic impacts through to multiple governance recommendations.

In many instances, there are specific references and web site addresses pointing to the original source of information in the event that the reader requires more detail. The reports can be used immediately and they can be rapidly deployed with optimum flexibility to cater for a wide variety of requirements in a short time with minimal cost.

Unique offerings

What sets CGF apart is that fact that the company is an independent body specialising in the aggregation of local and international best of breed governance practices. CGF approaches the subject from a holistic point of view, providing thought leadership to its clients in the field of governance, risk and compliance. CGF's research indeed complements its client's own internal initiatives on governance and extends beyond what auditors and legal advisors typically concentrate on, i.e. accurate reporting and legislative compliance. CGF believes in promoting the integration of governance practices as a process within an organisation, rather than a "once-a-year declaration of intent". This integration may well become a strategic differentiator in South Africa where there is a growing trend amongst asset managers and investors to increasingly invest in companies based on sustainability criteria, particularly in those sectors where compliance to announced and proposed Charters is no longer negotiable.

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Leading the pack

Interestingly, approximately 30% of the companies listed on the JSE SRI Index, make use of CGF's offerings, many of which inform CGF that their research has advanced their client's Corporate Governance, Risk and Compliance initiatives by at least 12 months.

CGF is a strategic partner of the Proudly South African campaign and the company was named a finalist in the 2006/2007 Proudly South African (PSA) / Wesbank Homegrown Awards in the SME categories: Product of the Year, Service of the Year and Innovator of the Year. In 2007/2008 CGF was again recognized for their governance products in the Petro SA Awards. Shortly thereafter, CGF was cited as being one of the up-coming SME companies by Small Business Capital, sponsored by MWeb Business, Standard Bank and Microsoft.

Through CGF's thought-leadership and strategic vision, the company was appointed in February 2010 as a Nominating Partner for AllWorld Network and the SAFG 100 programme, which is partnered by Endeavor SA, the United Nations Office for Partnerships, Harvard Kennedy School and the Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU).

The South Africa Fast Growth 100 (SAFG 100) national programme was recently introduced to promote and recognise entrepreneurship in South Africa. The goal of the SAFG 100 is to showcase South Africa's unsung entrepreneurial heroes, and show the rest of South Africa and the world the innovative work that South African entrepreneurs are doing to usher in a new economy to the country.

Honourary and Corporate Patrons

CGF's highly reputed current Honourary Patrons are Devi Sankaree Govender, Michael Judin, Bernard Peter Agulhas and Tina Eboka, each who are instrumental in assisting CGF's drive to see more companies becoming equipped to deal with the increasing demand to adopt and implement sound governance practices. Our past Honourary Patrons are Dr. Mathews Phosa and Professor Shirley Zinn who served these positions between 2009 and July 2011 with distinction.

CGF's current Corporate Patron, iS Partners, is committed to support and encourage the corporate governance aims and initiatives being promoted by CGF, specifically toward sustainable and sound business practices across all South African businesses - large and small. They support CGF's core business philosophy which is built upon trust, respect and solid business relationships. CGF's Corporate Patrons themselves are also committed to sound business practices of governance and business ethics within their own organisations.

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