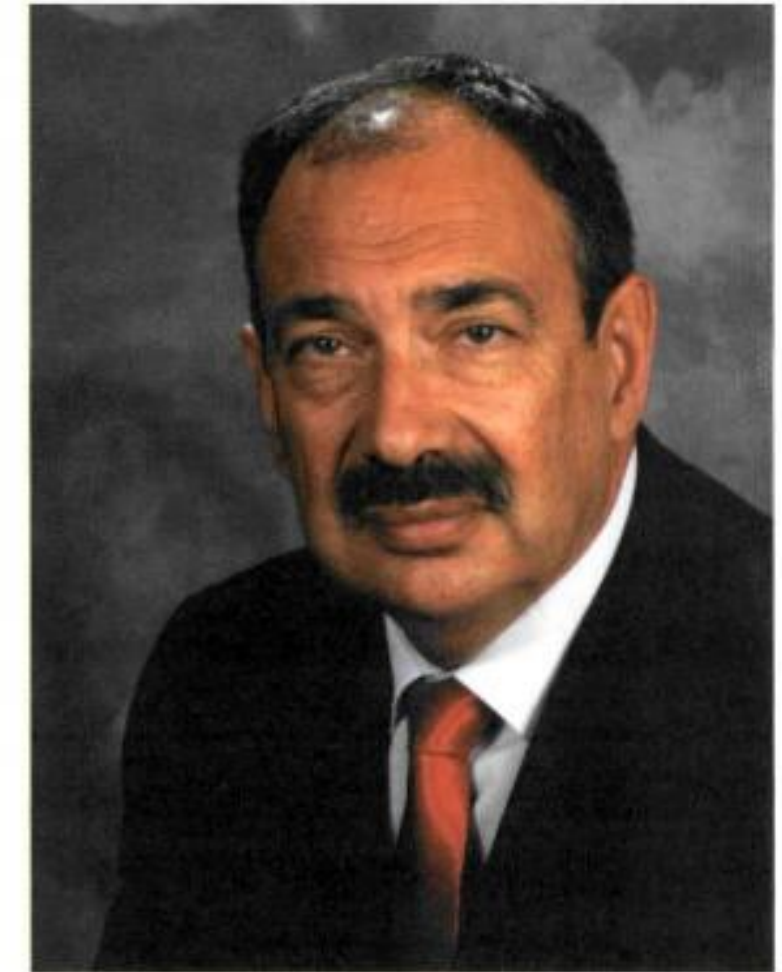


## CEO appointed for Gauteng Tooling Initiative

In its drive to revitalise the Tool, Die and Mould Making (TDM) sector in Gauteng - a move aimed at bringing the manufacturing sector to competitive levels - the National Tooling Initiative Programme (NTIP) has appointed Henk Snyman as CEO of the Gauteng Tooling Initiative (GTI).



**A**s the newly elected GTI CEO, Snyman will be responsible for revitalising the TDM sector in Gauteng in its broadest sense. This role includes assisting tooling companies to be globally competitive in terms of quality, cost and delivery, a process that will require the conducting of benchmarking exercises with successful countries such as China and Germany.

"The GTI is a support function to the NTIP and its activities. Therefore my role as GTI CEO is to assist the TDM sector to achieve its maximum potential in the Gauteng area," says Snyman.

Amongst his duties, Snyman will assist SMME's and BEE companies to effectively compete in the tooling industry. He will also be tasked with creating the support mechanisms to enable the toolmaking industry to recapitalise and use the appropriate technologies to be competitive.

Snyman is no stranger to the tooling industry. Before taking

the reigns as CEO of GTI, he was CEO of the Western Cape tooling initiative. He holds a Masters degree in Industrial and Mechanical Engineering from the University of Stellenbosch and has 20 years experience in the manufacturing industry in the fields of design, procurement and manufacturing. Some of his key appointments include project management for the Saldana Harbour project, operations manager at Langeberg/KOO in Paarl and managing director of GEMTEC. He also spent three years in the United Kingdom as a factory manager in the automotive industry.

Dirk van Dyk, NTIP CEO, says with a fully functioning tooling initiative in the Gauteng region, members of the Tooling Association of South Africa (TASA) can feel confident that they have an association that is constructively protecting and promoting their interests. "With his deep understanding of the tooling industry and what we are trying to achieve, Snyman is the ideal candidate to drive this initiative," he says. ■