Ford names Shawn Govender manager of Struandale Engine Plant

Ford Motor Company of Southern Africa (FMCSA) has hired Shawn Govender to replace John Cameron as the manager of its Struandale Engine Plant in Port Elizabeth.

Source: Quickpic | Shawn Govender, Ford's new plant manager of the Struandale Engine Plant

Govender has an established track record with Ford, having joined the company in 1996 as an industrial engineering supervisor before being appointed as production manager a year later.

Following extensive local and international training at Ford in the US, Germany and Thailand, he became the first representative from FMCSA to achieve Six Sigma Black Belt certification for lean manufacturing. He followed this up by achieving his Master Black Belt status - enabling him to play a key role in the improvement of business processes.

"We welcome Shawn back to Ford Motor Company, and wish him all the best with his appointment in this crucial role," says Ockert Berry, VP operations at FMCSA. "Shawn will be responsible for the daily operations of the Struandale Engine Plant, from production and manufacturing to driving continuous improvement, and working on securing new business for the Port Elizabeth operations."

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"I am really excited to be back at Ford," says Govender. "Ford has evolved rapidly over the years, and the manufacturing technology level at the Struandale Engine Plant is truly astounding, which is phenomenal for the Eastern Cape.

"There are plenty of opportunities for new business from a global perspective, and my focus is to significantly drive safety, quality and efficiency improvements within the Struandale plant to make us a truly competitive global powertrain manufacturing facility," he adds.

Govender has a B-Tech industrial engineering degree as well as his MBA - both completed at Nelson Mandela University (NMU). He is currently busy with his Doctorate at NMU, focusing on the development of a quality and sfficiency Improvement model for complex manufacturing industries.