

CT Film Studios appoints CEO

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Anant Singh, Chairman of Cape Town Film Studios, has announced the management team that will drive operations of the new film studios.

Nico Dekker, the former head and CEO of Table Mountain Motion Picture Studios, has been appointed CEO of Cape Town Film Studios and will be assisted by experienced general manager and deputy, Rashay Magan.

Singh said Cape Town Film Studios was fortunate to acquire Dekker's services as he is South Africa's most successful studio manager to date. "His extensive experience in managing a profitable studio will be invaluable as we get underway with phase one of the multi-million rand Cape Town Film Studios."

Commenting on his appointment, Dekker said: "I learnt a lot about what works and what doesn't under difficult circumstances whilst developing and running Table Mountain Motion Picture Studios and I believe I can add considerable value in my new role here."

Cape Town Film Studios are the first custom-built, Hollywood-style studios in South Africa's history. The ownership structure of the studios is made up of a formidable team of shareholders including Videovision Entertainment (Anant Singh), Sabido Investments / etv (Marcel Golding), the Rico Trust, the Helderberg African Chamber of Commerce and Wesgro, the Western Cape's investment and trade promotion agency.

As the management team settles in, Phase 1 of construction is already well underway. Foundations at the site in Faure have already been laid in preparation for the commencement of work on the main building in late October 2008. Phase one is valued at a R250m and includes four stages of varying sizes (1 x 2,100sq m, 1 x 1200sq m and 2 x 1,850sq m), plus production offices of 1,500sq m and workshop space in excess of 2,800sq m. This first phase is scheduled for completion during the first quarter of 2010.

The tender for the construction of the internal boulevard has been awarded while the winning tender for the supply of civil engineering services will be announced soon. Tender information is available online at www.capetownfilmstudios.co.za.

In preparation for the construction of the studio buildings, earthworks of approximately 180,000m³ of filling material was used during June, July and August to create building platforms and berms. A portion of the earthworks originated on-site – recycled earth – while the rest was imported from commercial sand mines located close to the site.

Singh also announced that a waiting list for future property owners and tenants has been opened and emphasised that CTFS will strive to achieve the tenant mix that is best-suited to meet the demands of the industry and of the productions that use the studios.

Any party wishing to express their interests in either:

- property purchases, or
- becoming involved in establishing a business on the studio site, or
- renting premises, or
- the use of the studios for production purposes

should contact the Cape Town Film Studios Office at 021 462 1838 or email enquiries at nico@capetownfilmstudios.co.za.

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