



## **Share the little you have, and everything else will fall into place**

*A Training Development Officer in the making, Wonder Lubisi joined PPC in December 2012. Brought up by a strong single mother, she learned the value of sharing from the outset, and is working to put that into action in her role at PPC Mooiplaas where she is based.*

An up-and-coming self-starter, Wonder Lubisi is grateful for the many lessons life has already taught her – especially for those learnt from her mother, a single parent who raised her three daughters with love and courage, despite the challenges of having to work away from home as a domestic worker to support them. “I was taught to share and appreciate what we had as a family from a very young age,” says Lubisi. “Even though my mom didn’t make very much, we never went to sleep hungry. We also had a very special family bond that meant we were always there for each other, in the good and in the difficult times.”

When Lubisi didn’t qualify for a bursary after matric, she found herself wondering how she could fund her own future development, as this was something her mother wasn’t able to do. “I was determined to create a bright future for myself – even if this meant working hard and saving up. I managed to find short-term jobs waitressing and in the retail space as a start.”

Her big break came when she got work at the Regenesys Business School, and discovered a whole new world of opportunities and career paths she didn’t yet know about. “At Regenesys, I was suddenly exposed to completely different career options, as well as information regarding learnerships and studying options. I realised how little I had been exposed to – and how much was out there.”

As someone who had always been involved in her community and wanted to bring real change, Lubisi was naturally drawn to training and development. She is currently completing her degree at Unisa through PPC’s Study Assistance and is excited to learn even more about how she can continue to add value to the lives of others through training. “I’m constantly driven to find new courses and new ways to assist employees with their careers and ongoing development. A big part of this is helping them to identify gaps they need assistance in addressing, or coaching them where needed. No two days are the same, making it a rewarding and fulfilling career for me.”

Lubisi’s love for development extends far beyond PPC. She is actively involved in her community and various church activities, especially where the youth are concerned. “I’m determined to ensure that young people in my area have access to the career information and opportunities I didn’t start off having,” she says. “This is very close to my heart because of the difference this information made to me.”

Perhaps the most important life lesson Lubisi strives to share however, is that of appreciation. “If you appreciate and are grateful for the gifts life brings – no matter how small – you will always be open to sharing these with others. After that, everything else usually falls into place!” she concludes.



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### **About PPC Ltd**

A leading supplier of cement and related products in southern Africa, PPC has 11 cement factories in South Africa, Botswana, DRC, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Zimbabwe. In 2016, PPC commissioned its fifth milling depot, located in Harare, Zimbabwe. The recent commissioning of PPC's new plants in DRC and Ethiopia bring PPC's capacity to around eleven and a half million tonnes of cement products each year. As part of its strategy and long-term vision, PPC is expanding its operations in South Africa with the construction of a new kiln line (SK9) at PPC Slurry outside Mafikeng in the North-West province.

PPC's Materials business, comprising Safika Cement, Pronto Readymix (including Ulula Ash) and 3Q Mahuma Concrete, forms part of the company's channel management strategy for southern Africa. PPC's footprint in the readymix sector has grown to include 26 batching plants across South Africa and Mozambique and the capacity to produce half a million tonnes of fly ash.

PPC also produces aggregates with its Mooiplaas aggregates quarry in Gauteng having the largest aggregate production capacity in South Africa. PPC Lime, one of the largest lime producers in the southern hemisphere, produces metallurgical-grade lime, burnt dolomite and limestone.

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