



GUARANTEED QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Born and bred in Kuruman, Northern Cape Province, Lorato was one of those students who defied the odds and studied civil engineering at MUT in 1992 when the industry was still highly dominated by white males. Overcoming disadvantages of the past is one of the founding principles of MUT, an institution established to specifically provide opportunities to train black engineers and technicians.

Lorato Kegakilwe-Piki - Class of '92

Lorato's management career started in 2000 when she worked as Deputy Chief Engineer for the department of Transport, Roads and Public Works where she managed and enforced quality control on road construction contracts.

She is a professional engineer registered with the Engineering Council of South Africa and currently works for the eThekweni municipality as deputy head of development engineering where she manages an annual budget of approximately R500 million for client departments (such as Human Settlements, Parks Recreation

and Cemeteries, and Economic Development). Her engineering career spans over 25 years and multiple infrastructure development projects with an emphasis on quality. "Civil Engineering is very broad. I plan to explore and get experience in each of the civil engineering fields. However, for long-term purposes, I would like to pursue a Master's degree in Construction Law or Construction Adjudication because I'd love to assist emerging contractors in South Africa to understand the forms of contracts that are used in the construction industry," she says.