



THE INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEUR

Amidst his very busy schedule, Thabang is a regular visitor to MUT, his alma mater. A member of the Marketing Class of 1994, Thabang is the CEO of SAMAC Engineering, a mechanical engineering solutions company that focuses on technological research and development, along with component fabrication.

Thabang Mofokeng - Class of '94

One might wonder how someone with vast experience and professional training in marketing and business management (he holds strategic positions such as Chair of the SME Forum and business advisor and mentor for the Umsobomvu Youth Fund) ended up in engineering. Thabang says it was his desire to be a “solutionist” that resulted in the founding of SAMAC. “Because of my background, it was important for me to team up with experts across various engineering streams. This has resulted in a powerhouse team that are the brains behind the SAMAC Engineering Solutions brand. This team of innovators are working tirelessly to spread their wings beyond South African borders through participation in international conferences and exhibitions. We

were recently selected by SEDA KZN to be one of the few companies that attended the Manufacturing Best Practices summit in India,” he explains.

This very mature and softly spoken businessman lights up every time he is on campus. He has told the Alumni Relations Office that his happiest moments at MUT were the 'boogie hoogies' as they used to be called. These are the student opening or closing parties, as well as the 'happy hours' for those who remember them. He enjoyed the chaos and the mischief when the other universities visited MUT for soccer tournaments at the sports field or at Bozzoli Hall for basketball. He says he still has very fond memories of the tours to other institutions, especially outside Durban.