



## **Quality Policy Statement – Chief Executive Officer**

Columbit is ostensibly a trading company – as our core business activity we procure products, add value to products (where applicable), sell products and provide after sales service. There are two divisions within our company namely, the Wine Consumable Division and the Process and Packaging Division.

In the Wine Consumables division, we import and procure locally, consumable products used in the wine and beverage industries. We manufacture and decorate wine capsules. We also decorate aluminium screw caps, procured locally, used in the wine industry. We are extremely self-sufficient with requirements for printing and foiling on screw caps and capsules. Some of the engraved products that we produce, are sold to local companies for their printing and manufacturing requirements.

In the Process and Packaging division we import capital equipment used in Food and Beverage Processing and allied industries and we support this equipment with after sales service back up and spares.

To be able to be in the forefront of support and service to the industry, Columbit needs to continually improve its quality of service and systems.

We interface with many key role players in the Wine, Beverage and Food industries. We represent many top-class European manufactures and, in most cases, have long standing relationships dating back many years. After sales service is singularly the most important function in the Company and whatever service is rendered to our customers, it is essential that all persons involved understand that whether it is product or service – Columbit stands for quality and customer focus and customer satisfaction is of cardinal importance.

Columbit takes a profoundly serious view on environmental issues and responsibilities. To this end, Columbit complies with the registration with 2 Producer Responsibility Organisations (PRO) and DFFE as required by the Extended Producer Regulations. The 2 PRO organisations are Polyco and Metpac and we regularly submit our data to these organisations in order to extend our responsibilities for certain identified products to the post-consumer stage of the products.

As Chief Executive Officer of Columbit, I passionately believe that the long- and short-term success of our Company can only be sustained by applying a formal Quality Management System ISO 9001:2015 that is continuously focused on achieving and maintaining the desired quality at the optimum cost by actively including aspects such as the eight quality management principles (Refer ISO 9001:2015 Code of Practice). Thus, Columbit has been ISO 9001 compliant since 2007. Beyond this registration, the company is also committed to the establishment and maintenance of a product safety management system that meets the requirements of FSSC 22000 and ISO 22000:2018 standards and has recently begun the implementation of this system into our business.

I therefore insist that everyone at Columbit supports me in my quest for quality and commits him or herself to ensure product and service excellence.



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**W Rautenbach**

Chief Executive Officer – Columbit

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