

Vitamin supplement essential for good living!



Cobus Nigrini in action.

Who says IT professionals can't rock ... Think again ... Urban Vitamin, a rock band under leadership of Computek's Cobus Nigrini, has grown from a casual school band to a competent rock band and is heading for great things. Nigrini, a Systems Engineer at Computek and vocalist of the band, says that the band has been going since 2004. Says Nigrini: "We won a slot to play at a major music festival called Polarity Festival, and we also got listed to play at Metal Farm 2 just after our second official gig. The organisers of the event spotted us and gave us the opportunity to play at their event."

For the rockers life and their music have another dimension. As they put it: For just a moment, pretend your senses are still yours and paralysed forces do not reign....."

For more information on the band, log onto www.myspace.com/urbanvitamin.

New employees and transfers

New employees



Polesane Tembo has recently been appointed at Computek's Business Applications Department.



Zamatungwa Mabaso has been appointed as Computek's Recruitment Administrator.



Phendukile Phewa has been appointed as Computek's client receptionist in Midrand.

Transfers



Lucas Molobyha has been transferred to Computek's Head Office in Midrand.

Indoor Soccer League Update

The Computek Indoor Soccer Team ended on fourth position in the League. "We are ready to conquer in the next round," said Ken Msuku, captain of the Team.

The Team members of the Indoor Soccer are:

Harry Chakhala • Ken Msuku • Nicholas Setshedi • Thomas Setshedi • Metholo Kanyane • Gareth Warner • Cobus Nigrini • Moeketsi Poe • Josiah Senona

The Team is committed to bringing the Cup home next year!

Spring is in the air

Employees at Computek celebrated Spring with lots of fun and laughter.



From l - r: Ken Msuku and Naomi Ollifant.

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VSAT to optimise connectivity of broadband wireless across the country

SITA has recently awarded tender number RFB 599 to Computek as a service provider for the VSAT VMesh Connectivity on Layer 2 Security Project.

The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) is the first Government Department to use this technology to connect to its remote sites in rural areas. The launching of the first phase will take place at the end of November 2007 and include DWAF Offices in Nandoni (Limpopo), Inyaka (Mpumalanga), Sandvet (Free State) and Hluhluwe (KwaZulu-Natal).

The Project will allow Computek to provide services like 3g, Wi-Fi, HSDPA and Microwave Radio. The DWAF will be able to access these services through the recently commissioned hub at SITA.

The services will be provided in partnership with MTN and TRANSTEL.

More information on the implementation of the Project will be published in the next edition of **computek connect**.



A 2,4 m dish recently installed in Sandvet. Consideration will be given to the secure placing of satellite dishes at all times.



Best wishes for 2008

With 2007 drawing to a close, and 2008 lurking around the corner to be embraced, we would like to wish you a wonderful time of rest. May you experience joy, prosperity and peace ahead.

Thank you for your support during the past year. We trust that our passion for ICT innovation has increased your service delivery and contributed to company revenue in a significant way. May we have even stronger ties in the New Year.

Remember, our door is always open! Have a blessed time with friends and family.

Season's Greetings on behalf of Harry Chakhala and all employees at Computek.

News and events

- Computek KwaZulu-Natal Office opening: 21 November 2007
- VSAT Launch: 29 November 2007
- DEC 2007, Chicago: 2 - 5 March 2008

Active directory to be extended to maximise results

ComputeK, in conjunction with its partner Microsoft, has recently conducted Active Directory Strategy Group (ADSG) sessions around the country on integrating Unix / Linux platforms into Active Directory (AD) and the benefits this holds for non-Microsoft platforms.

Centrify's Directcontrol is an AD based solution which enables centralised authentication, access control and auditing for Unix, Linux and Mac Systems. "This solution extends the security features and efficiencies of Active Directory to the extremely diverse and complex requirements of the Unix, Linux and Mac Environments," says Bob Shears, Centrify General Manager for Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Shears, who was in South Africa to co-present at the ADSG sessions with ComputeK and Microsoft, says that over 300 organisations world-wide have

already seen the benefit of the product in their ICT infrastructure. "Companies such as Pfizer, Hoffman-La Roche, ENI and BMW, are some of the biggest Centrify customers in Europe."

"We were delighted to be working closely with ComputeK in this region and we have been greatly impressed by their expertise and professionalism," says Shears.



International expert Bob Shears from Centrify recently co-presented the ADSG sessions around the country. From left to right: Harry Chakhala, CEO, ComputeK; Bob Shears, Centrify and Gareth Warner, Executive: Business Solutions at ComputeK.

ComputeK partners with eG Innovations

eG Innovations, a company that specialises in monitoring business critical services, has recently signed a partnership with ComputeK. The monitoring of critical services includes an automatic correlation engine, which enables the identification of the root cause of service outages. It has particular strength in monitoring remote access products and is able to monitor over 80 different applications and ten operating systems.

According to Harry Chakhala, CEO of ComputeK, the benefit of this partnership lies in the value it holds for the end user, ultimately, the client. Given the fact that all or most organisations are heavily reliant on an effective, streamlined IT infrastructure, eG can assist with, amongst others:

- Optimising of business critical services;
- Enhancing performance of each component in the infrastructure;
- Using the tool to provide capacity planning;
- Using eG to integrate with prior purchases; and
- Using eG to provide documentation to assist in compliance of regulation/s.

"We are able to provide an even more streamlined ICT solution to all our stakeholders," said Chakhala.

Stakeholder Forum in Limpopo



During a stakeholder forum held in Polokwane, Limpopo, which coincided with the opening of the regional office, Harry Chakhala, CEO and Metholo Kanyane, Regional Manager: Limpopo, assured stakeholders of ComputeK's commitment to competence and passion in the ICT industry. Stakeholders in Limpopo had the opportunity to share scenarios with ComputeK and investigate further working agreements. From l - r: Francis Lamola, Construction: SETA; Berni Boer, SAS and Johannes Makgobane, ComputeK.

Reflecting on GovTech 2007 Companies to protect their networks

"The absence of legislative frameworks leaves the public and private sector open to huge opportunities for information distraction or manipulation in South Africa," said Harry Chakhala, CEO of ComputeK.

Chakhala said at the GovTech 2007 Conference held in Cape Town's International Convention Centre during August, the current situation in terms of information management and protection in Government, public and private organisations, leaves itself to be vulnerable to sabotage, shredding, copying and deleting without anyone being held directly responsible. "South African institutions, investors and the public are left vulnerable to excuses for poor information management and other risks such as disgruntled management and employees destroying and tampering with information. Information systems are not protected and we do not have legislative measures in place to guard against such vulnerabilities. The Enron, Tyco International, Peregrine Systems and WorldCom scandals in the USA, are prime examples of the seriousness of the matter.

"We at ComputeK are certainly striving towards a more secure and protected environment, and have made great strides providing solutions for the Government and private sector. In lieu of the lack of any legislation, companies can already implement measures to protect themselves. A number of large corporate and certain Government institutions are already investigating measures to secure their infrastructure management, security, identity and access management," Chakhala said.

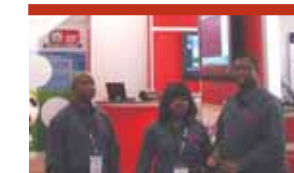
Who's who in your network?

As part of creating awareness and to share valuable inputs with the GovTech 2007 conference delegates, ComputeK hosted an international expert who specialises in user identification and network security.

Adam Ross, Senior Systems Engineer from NetPro, Europe, emphasised the importance of companies understanding the need for security and network control at all times. "With NetPro being versatile in that it allows optimisation for Windows Infrastructures, it takes care of security and compliance, identity and access and overall infrastructure management," Ross said during the GovTech 2007 conference. He said that NetPro assists organisations in being able to better take control over their Microsoft Windows infrastructure with software solutions in a seamless manner, whilst optimising all business systems.



GovTech creates a platform for experts in the ICT industry to share knowledge. From l - r: Gareth Warner and Harry Chakhala, both from ComputeK and Adam Ross, NetPro.



Representing ComputeK at GovTech 2007 are from l - r: Metholo Kanyane, Regional Business Manager: Limpopo; Phillile Mkhwanazi, Recruitment Consultant; and Johannes Makgobane, Senior Executive: Public Sector Strategy.

ComputeK exhibited at GovTech 2007 and displayed the new corporate identity. The new look ComputeK identity is currently being implemented and will replace all previous branding.

Microsoft Partner Summit



ComputeK, a Microsoft Gold Partner in South Africa, has recently attended the Microsoft Partner Summit 2007 at Sun City. The Summit aimed to share strategy and vision with senior executives in companies, creating a platform for networking and exploring marketing opportunities. ComputeK co-exhibited with its partners NetPro and Centrify. Attending the Summit from l - r: Cobus Nigrini, ComputeK; Duncan McMurray, ComputeK; Adam Ross, NetPro; and Gareth Warner, ComputeK.