

# AConsult's draughtsman: a young man in an old industry

*Jarred Botha – an up and coming name in the HVAC industry*

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Young up and comers in HVAC&R are without a doubt the lifeblood of the industry. Without them, there would be no future, no one to teach and no one to carry the knowledge of the past forward. One such young man, Jarred Botha, is starting out in the industry with a desire to learn that can only propel him forward.

28 Year old Botha has been working at AConsult for two and a half years and is very happy under Management Trevor Johnstone. "I enjoy working with Trevor. He really explains concepts to you and makes it easy to understand what the engineer wants. He's very patient for a busy engineer," says Botha.

Botha has a Diploma in Draughting from the Professional School. Before entering the world of daughting, Botha finished school at Bracken High South of Johannesburg and then went overseas where

he obtained his international skiing licence in Slovakia and snow board instructor before moving back to South Africa, "I realized I couldn't do that as a permanent career," said Botha.....

"I learnt as I went along," said Botha. "A memorable moment was when I managed to get a full set of tender drawings out. It's cool to go to the site later and see my drawings turned into reality." Botha's thoughts on the industry come not only from his experience and excellent mentoring from Johnstone, but from the SAIRAC meetings he tries to attend as regularly as possible. "One frustrating thing in the industry is that clients and other professionals would rather speak to people who have been in the industry for a longer time. You have to gain experience first and then people will begin to trust you," said Botha.

Botha is passionate about AConsult's drive for energy efficiency and green projects. "There are some new concepts relating to saving money on electricity usage that I think will make us leaders in the field," said Botha.

Another common factor of this sort of industry is the gap between older generations and Botha's in age, experience and approach to work. Botha believes that the way to bridge this gap is to listen. "They have been in the industry a long time and they know what they're talking about. It's the only way to learn"

As for his future, Botha hopes to continue with AConsult, gaining more experience and ultimately more respect in the industry. 