COMPANY PROFILE
At ACER, we live for one thing: to harness our planet’s full environmental potential enabling mutual benefits for earth’s and man’s co-existence.

For more than 20 years, we have achieved this through a number of environmental services across the SADC region, further north into the African continent and around the world; passionately executed by our experienced and knowledgeable staff.

We are part of MBB Services International – an established company of consulting engineers, quantity surveyors and environmental professionals. Together with sister companies MBB Consulting Engineers and Feroqs Consult, we work to create a single offering of services.

Our main services include:
- Environmental assessments
- Environmental Management Programs (EMPr)
- EMPr compliance monitoring
- Vegetation surveys
- Ecological assessments and rehabilitation plans
- Wetland delineations and functional assessments
- Social impact assessments
- Resettlement planning and implementation
- Public participation programs

Man’s rapid development and impact on our world has resulted in the expansion and refinement of our services to include risk assessments, fauna and flora search and rescue, habitat recreation, indigenous plant nurseries and offset mitigation.

Our clients
Our clients are many and varied, and include, for example:
- Private sector (Sasol, Tronox KZN Sands, Mondi, Hydro SA and BHP Billiton)
- Public sector (Government (national, provincial and local), state owned companies (Eskom, SANRAL and Transnet) and national and provincial public entities (iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority, Dube Trade Port and Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone)
- Development institutions (GIZ)
Our specialised expertise: making a difference and preserving environmental values

Water and its sustainable use are of great interest and importance to us. Projects we have worked on include the Thukela Water Project (1995-2001), Olifants River Water Resources Development Programme (De Hoop Dam) (2006-2008) and the Lesotho Highlands Water Project, Phase 2.

We have also made contributions to UNEP's Dams and Development Project's compendium of relevant practices for improved decision-making on dams and their alternatives, and we have played a role in the SADC/EAC Sustainable Water Infrastructure Development Project and the Mekong River Commission's Sustainable Hydropower Initiative.

Hydropower is an area in which we have specialised knowledge and expertise. We serve as environmental advisors to Hydro SA (Pty) Ltd, a South African owned and operated hydro electric company.

We have managed many lengthy resettlement processes in which our track record is second to none, particularly in Mozambique, where we have undertaken a number of projects.

We have worked in various sectors, including: water (bulk, reticulation, waste water and water management), agriculture (in particular, irrigation and sugar), energy (generation, transmission and renewables), communication, industry, transportation, mining, conservation and tourism.

Over our more than 20 years in business, we have won five awards for excellence for our environmental management work.

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We have built our company on a foundation of honesty and integrity, with a strong belief that a transparent, open business relationship is key to a project’s ultimate success and longevity. Our policy of thinking hard about questions and solutions rather than offering the ‘simple answer’ has put us in good stead with our clients, resulting in a number of long-term relationships of which we are very proud.

Our staff
With a collective experience of more than 75 years, ACER’s knowledge base is considerable. We have a strong, stable staff and we are committed to employment equity, BBBEE, skills development and, in particular, the training and mentoring of young professionals.

Left: Neusberg Hydro Power Station, Kakamas, Northern Cape. Top right: Seacom Fibre Optic Telecommunications Cable Landing Station (under construction), Mtunzini, KwaZulu-Natal. Bottom right: Hammarsdale Interchange, National Route 3, KwaZulu-Natal.
We believe business also involves social responsibility in the form of donations and pro bono work. Every year we identify a social project to which we can contribute.

Projects have included the environmental authorisation of two schools in the Kosi Bay area and an HIV facility near Eshowe, environmental management for the iSimangaliso Wetland Park’s sporting events, and the environmental authorisation and compliance monitoring of the Mtsila Causeway Bridge.

Donations are many and varied, mostly focused on education, care for vulnerable people as well as for animals.

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