



# Paratus Board of Directors

## Schalk Leipoldt Van Zyl Erasmus (48)

(Executive Director)

Appointed: 8 August 2017

**Qualifications:** Various diplomas (Bookkeeping, Accounting, Project Management)

Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) and Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)

**Nationality:** Namibian

**Function :** Group Chief Operations Officer - Paratus

**Background:** Schalk's unwavering commitment to Paratus is evident in his extensive tenure with the company. For over two decades, he has been an invaluable asset, contributing to its steady progression and strategic advancements. In recognition of his exceptional contributions, Schalk was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Paratus Group in 2022, following his previous role as the Group Chief Operating Officer.

During his tenure, Schalk spearheaded significant projects that propelled Paratus to new heights. One recent noteworthy achievement was his leadership in driving the Armada Data Center project. Under his guidance, the state-of-the-art data center was successfully established, positioning Paratus as a leader in Namibia's digital transformation. In addition to this he was involved in the negotiation process with the ground-breaking deal with Google whereby Paratus became the esteemed Landing partner for the Equiano Subsea Cable.

The Africa success story is a testament to his technical capabilities and leadership skills. Formerly, Schalk was a cofounder, shareholder, and Technical Director of Internet Technologies Namibia (Proprietary) Limited from inception in 2004 till 2014 when the Company was incorporated into Paratus Telecommunications (Proprietary) Limited. Prior to this Schalk managed his own business ventures from 2000 till 2004, offering technical support to the Corporate Companies and various NGO's including United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Family Health International (FHI) and the United Nations (UN).

Prior to 2000, Schalk obtained various Diplomas in Software Support, Bookkeeping and Accounting. Schalk also obtained his MCSE (Microsoft Certified System Engineer) and later his Cisco Certification. Schalk was also a Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT) where he conducted training on almost all Microsoft Products in Namibia and South Africa.

During the late 90's Schalk became the Branch Manager of ISU Campus (Windhoek), an authorised Training and Certification Centre in SADC. Schalk was also the Project Lead in the Gauteng province with the Lotus Notes integration to all Brokers during the reinvention of the ABSA brand in South Africa, with the consolidation of Volkskas, United Bank, Trust Bank and Allied.