

# Warehousing Conference 2026

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## PROGRAMME

THE FAIRWAY HOTEL, SPA AND GOLF RESORT  
SETPERK RD, RANDPARK 268, RANDBURG, 2125

### Registration & Welcome

#### Opening and Welcome by CILTSA President

Elvin Harris- President: CILTSA

#### The State of SA Logistics and Warehousing: Why "Good Enough" is No Longer Enough.

Clayton Thomas – Director: Industrial Logistic Systems

#### Driving Cost, Throughput and Accuracy in Warehouse Operations

Brian Mudhokwani - Chief Operations Officer: ISB Optimus (Pty) Ltd

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### Moving More, Faster: Smarter Ways to Stop Wasted Time.

Gerhard van Zyl: Group Operations Director: Professional Group of Companies

### Tea/Coffee Break

### Panel Discussion

#### Panellists

- Clayton Thomas – Director: Industrial Logistic Systems
- Brian Mudhokwani - Chief Operations Officer: ISB Optimus (Pty) Ltd
- Gerhard van Zyl – Group Operations Director: Professional Group of Companies
- Greg Naicker – Vice President, Operations: Powerfleet

### Guardrails and Dashboards: Keeping the Operation Safe and Productive.

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## MEET THE SPEAKERS



Mihlali Gqada is a distinguished South African transport logistics executive, policy strategist and infrastructure development leader with over 20 years of experience in the freight logistics sector. She currently serves as a Strategist and Logistics Infrastructure Specialist at the South African Department of Transport, where she leads national initiatives spanning freight logistics reform, multimodal transport development, road-to-rail migration and infrastructure integration.

Mihlali has contributed to landmark national programmes including the National Freight Logistics Strategy, Rail Master Plan and Operation Vulindlela, and serves on the National Logistics Crisis Committee. A passionate advocate for youth empowerment, she has championed skills development and mentorship programmes across more than 10 schools nationally. Guided by a "Business Unusual" leadership philosophy, she is the 2023 Supply Chain Advocate of the Year and a 2012 Standard Bank Woman of the Year Finalist.

### MIHLALI GQADA

Programme Director

Elvin Harris is a highly influential senior executive and transport policy expert with an extensive career in South Africa's freight transport sector starting in 1995. During his impactful government tenure, he served as the first Policy Advisor for Freight Transport at the Department of Transport and as Chief Director: Transport Enterprises at the Department of Public Enterprises.

He co-authored Moving South Africa – The Action Agenda and shaped major legislation, including the National Ports Act. Later, Elvin spent 13 years at Transnet Freight Rail in senior roles, including Executive Manager: Strategy, Capacity Planning, and Supply Chain. Currently, he is the President of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport South Africa (CILTSA) and has been pursuing independent business interests since 2021.



### ELVIN HARRIS

CILTSA President



Clayton is the Managing Director of Industrial Logistic Systems (ILS), a supply chain and logistics consulting team, specialising in the design of warehouses and distribution centres. Over the past 28 years, Clayton has been involved in the expansion and optimisation of numerous Blue Chip organisations' supply chain and facilities strategies, both locally and internationally.

Clayton holds a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering and a Post Graduate Diploma in Logistics and Transport (UK).

He has served on the council for The Southern African Institute for Industrial Engineering (SAIIE), the Logistics Institute of South Africa and as a SAPICS board member. He is a past judge for the Logistics Achiever Awards (LAA) and currently serves on the judging panel for The Africa Supply Chain Excellence Awards (ASCEA). Clayton has a great passion for logistics education and knowledge sharing within the industry.

### CLAYTON THOMAS

Managing Director: Industrial Logistic Systems

Brian Mudhokwani is the Chief Operating Officer at ISB Optimus, a South African performance engineering and digital transformation firm that helps organisations eliminate process waste, reduce cost, improve productivity and realise measurable business value.

He works with executive teams across manufacturing, distribution, logistics, BFSI and telecommunications to align strategy, operations, process improvement and enterprise technology. His expertise spans ERP, WMS, governance, risk and compliance, business process management, RPA, AI and digital transformation, with a strong focus on translating technology investment into practical operational outcomes.

A certified Project Management Professional and International Certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, Brian is passionate about building high-performance organisations through disciplined process design, integrated technology and value-focused execution.



### BRIAN MUDHOKWANI

Chief Operating Officer: ISB Optimus



Gergard Zyl, serving as the Group Operations Director, earned his Bachelor's degree in law from the University of Pretoria and has amassed over three decades of expertise spanning supply chain management, logistics, warehousing, distribution, transport, technology, and fleet management solutions. His deep-seated enthusiasm lies in integrating the latest technological advancements across diverse sectors, including safe cities, transport, warehousing, and security.

Following a distinguished career in renowned Blue-Chip companies such as Sasko, Premier Foods, GNLD International, and Paradigm Interactive Media Ltd, Gerhard assumed the role of General Manager at Professional in 2004. Recognised for his exceptional leadership, he subsequently was promoted to the position of Group Operations Director within the Professional Group of Companies.

Gerhard's achievements extend beyond the corporate realm; he holds a Guinness World Record for Golf and possesses a Private Pilot's Licence with nearly 4000 hours. Moreover, he is a sought-after motivational speaker and a member of the esteemed South African Institute of Directors as well as on the Board of Directors of the Commercial Aviation Association of South Africa. His influence reaches international audiences through his engagements as a Keynote Speaker at prominent events such as the Namibian Sports EXPO in Windhoek, Namibia, the FNB Botswana Open, the African Logistics Expo, the Chartered Institute of Logistics South Africa, the Transport Forum, the University of Johannesburg, and the CILT's 17th Annual Africa Forum, among others.

### GERHARD VAN ZYL

Group Operations Director: Professional Group of Companies

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Greg Naicker is VP Operations at Powerfleet Africa, where he leads the operational strategy and delivery of intelligent mobility solutions across the continent. With extensive leadership experience in fleet technology, telematics, business development and operational excellence, Greg oversees the teams and processes that ensure consistent service delivery, operational efficiency and business performance. He is responsible for driving customer success, operational excellence and the delivery of intelligent safety and mobility solutions.



By combining operational expertise with data-driven insights, he helps organisations improve visibility, strengthen safety, reduce risk and optimise performance across transport and supply chain operations throughout Africa. Greg is passionate about fostering innovation and operational excellence to deliver scalable solutions that create lasting value for customers and partners.

**GREG NAICKER**

*Vice President Operations: Powerfleet*



# Thank you

