



Turnstone Trading 6 CC T/A Giba Business Park has evolved from being a small gravel borrow pit in 1996 to potentially becoming one of the premier Business Parks in the country. It has been a long hard journey and I sometimes think we are only just starting.

We originally purchased the land in 1996. For various reasons, that could fill a few pages, we were kicked off the property in 1999. We eventually bought the property back in 2003. We slowly built Stockville Quarries up into the successful business that it is today (www.stockvillequarry.co.za). Back in those days, the old farmhouse doubled up as a residence for the quarry manager, his family and the despatch office for the quarry. The quarry sells gravel to the construction industry. Part of our rehabilitation process is to create platforms for future developments once the gravel has been extracted. We currently rent out this space to various tenants.

We started a block making business (STOCKBLOCK) using waste material from the quarry. Using the local community we built offices for the quarry and installed a weighbridge. When we originally despatched from the farm house, all the delivery notes were written out manually and then captured on the computer at night. The weighbridge has automated this whole process from despatch to the final statements sent out to our customers.

Over the years we have slowly upgraded a few of the old sheds on the property and started renting them out for storage. In 2005, we were approached by a company called Biological Control Products to set up a facility for them. They rent 2.5 ha from us including a 2000m² factory, 1000m² office space and several trial fields. We constructed their whole facility using our own staff and blocks from the block making operation. Biological Control Products are an internationally recognised leader in the Biological Field where they provide effective natural biological solutions (www.biocontrol.co.za). They are ideal tenants for our Eco-type Business Park.

In 2006 we set up Afroflora Nurseries. Wilber Mahlamvu is an expert on indigenous flora and fauna. He came on board as the main member to drive our nursery and help us clean up all the aliens invading our valley. Unfortunately he disappeared, but we have managed to replace the nursery with a similar, exciting new business called Giba Organics (www.gibaorganics.co.za). They have the same passion and ethos as us to help clean up the valley. We have recently set up our own recycling depot to help reduce our carbon foot print. Over the past few years we have planted in excess of 1000 indigenous trees to help in this direction.

In early 2007, we set up Giba Gorge Mountain Biking Park (www.gibagorge.co.za). It just grew out of control due to the high demand for open space green areas for people to come and relax! We had to move our quarry manager out of the old farm house and slowly over the last 3 years we have continually upgraded the facility to what it is today. It now includes a restaurant/ coffee shop; conference facility which can also be used as a venue for parties, weddings; an African art /interior decor shop; cycling shop - including bike rentals and repairs; International standard BMX track; dirt jumps; etc; etc. We have also constructed over 40kms of trails for riding, walking, birding, etc in the Giba Valley around us.



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In all of our ventures, we have placed a huge emphasis on the local communities around us. They are an integral part of our businesses and we need to look after them. All our staff are sourced locally. The restaurant staff and the Bike Park staff have all been trained up from scratch. We have produced some excellent home grown chefs and barristers. Giba won "The Most Innovative Tourism Project" in 2009 from KZN Tourism. We have developed BMX Riders and MTB riders who are now racing throughout SA. The highlight of this year has been our BMX Development team competing in the 2010 BMX World Cup recently held in PMB.

Our various businesses all combine and help in our long term vision. This is to create an ECO-TYPE BUSINESS PARK which is sustainable and fully incorporates green principles. We are currently working with our town planning applications and hope to grow GIBA BUSINESS PARK into one of the premier Business Parks in the country.

Imagine having your offices/ factory here at Giba Business Park? You could do some riding / walking before work, run your business, hold meetings/ lunch/ conferences at the bike park, help reducing your carbon foot print by building "Green"; etc! After a hard day's work you could relax over a beer with your friends and enjoy the tranquil setting at the restaurant? If you need to stay over, there is always our upmarket tented village for accommodation?

This is Africa, we are passionate, enjoy it?

If you have any queries, please give me a call?

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Harburn", written over a large, light green, wavy graphic that resembles a stylized mountain range or a wave.

Chris Harburn

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