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REGIONAL CONTENT RESEARCHER PROJECTS

How long have you been with L2B? I started working at L2B in 2014 when we still added Quotes, When we stopped adding Quotes I was moved to Tenders Africa and in 2018 I moved to Projects. I have had quite a journey at L2B in the last 8 years and I am enjoying every moment. I enjoy my current role; the research and the people you deal with are always different.

Give us insight into your day to day? Every morning I fight with my alarm clock and struggle to function properly until my husband fixes me coffee. When I arrive at work I normally check the news for the day (where I am mostly left shocked of what is going on in the country) and search the web for any new developments in the Western Cape (my region). Next, I check the Tenders for my region and add any related Project leads to our site that fall within our scope. Once I've done that I normally either tend to subscriber queries or update my Projects. This entails calling professionals for updates, sending out numerous emails, requesting site registers, bidders list and BOQ's, sourcing subcontractors, updating of professionals on our site and following up on awards.

What do you enjoy most about your job? Definitely the work, I love researching new developments. Some of the concepts the professionals come up with are exquisite. I really find the research interesting.

What is the best career lesson you've learned so far? You Should Never Be Done Learning, Careers are not static things, nor should they be treated that way. Technology is changing every day. The way we communicate, digest media, and interact with others is constantly evolving—and so should we.

If you could change one thing at L2B, what would it be? I would probably put a bigger sticker on the glass sliding door in the office...need I say more. Every now and then we get a surprise bang and I have been a victim of the door.. but it's a good laugh as well ;)

What is your biggest achievement to date? Professional: Winning the retention award in 2020. Personal: My husband and I buying our own property at quite a young age.

Three words to best describe you: Straightforward, Humorous, Passionate

What do you like to do when you aren't working? My husband and I enjoy fishing, so we would spend our day at the dam. If we are not fishing the we are busy fixing things in the house painting and renovating. My husband probably regrets owning a drill since I'm always changing the look in our house. I also love restoring old furniture and painting it.

How do you balance your career and family? With a cold beer at the end of each day.

Do you have a favorite website/blog/app? Pinterest
Favourite movie: Dirty Dancing

What did 2020 teach you? That my average temp is 36°. All jokes aside though, never take what you have for granted even if you do not have much. Be grateful and stay humble.