A NEW DAWN AT ATS MOTORSPORT

South Africa’s leading motorsport supplier under new management

ATS Motorsport founder Richard Leeke once ran a race team, to which rivals seldom returned their borrowed goods. So Mr. Leeke billed them for those tools, duct tape, race fuel and the rest. And so, Automotive Technology Specialists, or ATS as most of the racing world knows it, was born.

Leeke went on to become a Springbok rally navigator, while his stringent standards saw ATS grow from strength to strength. Safety is ATS’ number one priority. Now, 42 years later, ATS is South Africa’s leading motorsport industry supplier.

ATS today serves every aspect of four wheeled motorsport. It supplies a vast variety of premium branded race products and racewear.

Founder Richard Leeke has retired from his ATS chair after 42 year and two of his directors have now concluded a management buyout to take ATS into the future.

Many people in racing know Heinz Böse. He ran his own business for 17 years before joining ATS in 2016. Heinz stepped up to Sales and Marketing Director in 2019, and now takes up the ATS reins alongside Mandy Wecke.

“Since joining ATS, I have continued to work on building the company and our brands. I strive to supply top quality brands at affordable prices.” Heinz Böse explains. “Having had my own racing career, it was easy to fit into the company and to work with the people in the industry over the last seven years. Nothing changes at ATS and our clients can expect the same level of quality, excellence, and safety.”

Mandy Wecke has been at ATS for nine years. A force behind the scenes, Mandy qualified as a Charted Accountant and was offered the Financial Manager position at ATS in 2013. She jumped at the opportunity to move into the ATS family, becoming the Financial Director in 2016. Mandy’s strong financial background is key to ATS’ success.

“I enjoy applying my areas of expertise into the daily running of ATS while learning other aspects along the way,” Mandy Wecke adds. “Heinz and I are fully committed to building on ATS’ great foundation of supplying best quality, safety approved products to the ever growing South African motorsport industry.”