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Appointment of new BER Deputy Director

The Bureau for Economic Research (BER) at Stellenbosch University is pleased to announce that Mr Craig Lemboe has been appointed as its new Deputy Director. Craig will assume his duties on 1 June 2023. He succeeds Mr George Kershoff who retired in early March 2023 after 29 years at the BER.

Craig has more than 16 years of experience as a macroeconomist, most of that at the BER. He was selected as a trainee economist in 2007. In 2008 he joined Wesgro (The Western Cape Trade and Investment Promotion Agency) for a short period before his appointment as a BER economist in 2010. Craig has been a senior economist since 2014. Over the span of his career he has authored more than 50 research publications (survey reports, comments, research notes etc.) and presented countless times on the macro economy to a wide range of audiences including business and civil society.

His primary focus at the BER is on fixed investment and the construction sector.

In 2018 he arranged the BER's first product acquisition in what has now become the BER Building Cost Information Service (BCIS). He is also the manager of the BER BCIS where he takes responsibility for stakeholder relations and operational and strategic decisions.

Craig completed his undergraduate and honours degrees in economics at the University of the Western Cape (UWC), and his MCom (Economics) and MBA at Stellenbosch University in 2010 and 2017 respectively.

Prof Johann Kirsten, BER Director, says that he is "extremely happy about the decision and looks forward to working with Craig as we take the BER on its next journey".

In response to his appointment, Craig said, "I am excited about the opportunity to expand the BER's reputation and product/service offering, alongside the rest of the team, to the benefit of all stakeholders".

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