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Design Rationale : Situated 4,5km from the shore, our proposal would serve primarily as a cultural centre and will contain amongst others, a multi-level library and retail book shop outlet; a museum; an opera house situated on the existing lake; a multi-level art gallery; a number of coffee shops and restaurants.

The 3 main conference auditoria (2000 seats) and restaurant (specialising in traditional Arabian cuisine) will be located at the top on a 6 level rotating platform and will be accessed via 6 observation lifts spiralling to the top through a 360 degree rotation, affording a view of the entire Dubai en route to the top.

The South façade will be clad in triple glazed curtain

glass, in the colours of the UAE flag.

A 2500 seat structural glass Arena will form a podium for outdoor performances and events with a circular stage retracting under water to facilitate aquarium exhibitions. The 3 main entrances are via recesses through an 8m tall glass wall containing an aquarium. Power generation will constitute 35% sustainable energy (wind & solar).

## MBH Competition Entry for Tall Emblem Structure at Za'abeel Park, Dubai The Dubai a'Alam ("The Flag")

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### Main Entrances

### South Perspective View



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## 114 Mini Factories at Uraniaville City of Matlosana (Klerksdorp)

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## PROFILE ON OUR MD

### Individual memberships

Manus Heunis is registered with a number of professional bodies, including :

- The South African Institute of Architects
- CNU (Congress for New Urbanism, Chicago);
- Pretoria Institute for Architecture.

### SA Council for the Architectural Profession

He serves on and is involved with various SACAP committees and candidate evaluations:

- Member of Communications and Marketing Committee;
- External Professional Practice and Contract Law examiner and lecturer;
- Recognition of Prior Learning Assessor

### Extra-Cirricular

In addition to co-authoring the proposed new PPE syllabus for the SACAP, he is also

- currently co-authoring a book on Professional Practice Management;
- co-authoring a book on the historical development of architecture in relation to Climatology and more specifically Volcanology dating back to the Lower Paleolithic Era ;
- an avid multi engine and night rated aviator, in the process of obtaining his Instrumentation Rating on his Pilot's License.

### Languages spoken

Linguistics is his hobby and he speaks a number of languages:

- English, French, German, Polish, Dutch and Afrikaans



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