

# MINING PERSONALITY



## Marcin Wertz

**SRK**

**Full Name:** Marcin Leszek Wertz

**Position:** Partner/principal mining engineer, head of the Mining Business Unit, SRK Consulting Africa

**Main Activity of the Company:** Provision of technical advice for the minerals industry

**Date and Place of Birth:** May 8, 1963, Cape Town

**Education:** BSc (mining engineering), University of the Witwatersrand, 1984

**First Job:** Various part-time jobs while at school and university; my first real job was as a graduate mining engineer with De Beers

**Career History Prior to Present Position:** Various supervisory and planning positions at the Finsch and Koffiefontein diamond mines, from 1987 to 1994; group mining engineer with Messina Investments, 1994/5; mine manager Star Diamonds 1995/6; SRK from 1996

**Size of First Pay Packet:** R1 972 a month

**Value of Assets under Your Control:** Not applicable

**Number of People under Your Leadership:** Between 50 and 60

**Management Style:** Participative, inclusive, servant leader

**Personal Best Achievement:** Current position

**Person Who Has Had the Biggest Influence on Your Life:** My family

**Person Who Has Had the Biggest Influence on Your Career:** Oskar Steffen (the 'S' in SRK) and a previous boss, Danie Kirsten

**Person You Would Most Like to Meet:** Elon Musk

**Businessperson Who Has Impressed You Most:** Mark Bristow

**Philosophy of Life:** Treat people with respect, as you would have them treat you; be fair

**Biggest Ever Opportunity:** Being made a partner at SRK

**Biggest Ever Disappointment:** Nothing comes to mind

**Hope for the Future:** That South Africa emerges from its current economic and political slump and succeeds on the world stage

**Favourite Reading:** Science fiction, Robert Ludlum-type thrillers

**Favourite TV Programme:** Do not watch much TV; some sport and the odd movie

**Favourite Food/Drink:** I like all food but have a preference for red wine and anything that goes with it, particularly Picanha

**Favourite Music:** Progressive and experimental rock; I grew up with 70s rock

**Favourite Sport:** Rugby, cricket, hockey (as father spectator)

**Hobbies:** Classic cars, music, wine collecting, reading

**Car:** Alfa Romeo GT and two classics, a 1989 Porsche 944 turbo, a 1989 Lancia Delta Integrale, and an old Nissan Tracker King Cab 4 × 4 bakkie

**Pets:** Two Labradors and two Jack Russells

**Miscellaneous Dislikes:** Dishonesty, arrogance

**Married:** Jennifer (life partner)

**Children:** Peter, 18; Georgie, 13

**Clubs:** Various car clubs, gym, wine clubs